

Is Baptism Necessary for Salvation? #1

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“Is baptism **necessary** for salvation?”

- It is if the remission of sins is important.
 - Acts 2:38. Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

“But” someone says:

- “Only a Jewish requirement”

- The Bible:

- Acts 2:39. “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, **as many as the Lord our God will call.**”

- God calls Jew and Gentile through the gospel (2 Thess. 2:14).

“But” someone says:

- “For” means “because.”
 - Answer: “for” is “eis” in the Greek, the original language. It always looks forward and never backwards.

No Major Translations use “because”

- King James: “for the remission of sins”
- American Standard: “unto the remission of your sins”
- New American Standard: “for the forgiveness of your sins”

If it means “because” then all these translations are wrong!

- New International: “so that your sins may be forgiven”
- Williams Translation: “that you may have your sins forgiven”
- Amplified: “for the forgiveness and release of your sins”

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- Living New Testament: “For the forgiveness of your sins”
- Revised Standard: “for the forgiveness of your sins”
- Goodspeed: “in order to have your sins forgiven”
- Phillips: “so that you may have you sins forgiven”
- New Catholic Version: “for the forgiveness of your sins”

The same expression

- “For the remission of sins” is found in a parallel verse
 - Matt. 26:28 “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for **the remission of sins.**”

Acts 2:38

Repent

And

Be Baptized

“For The Remission of Sins”

Mt. 26:28

Jesus

Shed

His

Blood

“For The Remission of Sins”

Same in English and Greek!!!

“But” Someone Says:

- **“Repent” is for the remission of sins, but “baptism” is to show the world that you have been saved.**
 - **The Bible:**
 - “And” is a co-ordinate conjunction that connects two things of equal value. What repent is for; baptism is for!

“But” Someone Says:

- **If true then it contradicts the Bible teaching that we are saved by grace through faith and not works (Eph. 2:8-9)**
 - Many different kinds of works:
 - Works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)
 - Works of the Law of Moses (Gal. 2:21)
 - Boastful works of man’s devising (Eph. 2:9)
 - Works of God (Jno. 6:28-29)
 - What did they do to be saved? (Acts 19:1-7)

Remember

- **If remission of sins is necessary for salvation; then baptism is necessary for salvation.**

“Is baptism necessary for salvation?”

- It is if “washing away” our sins is important.
 - Acts 22:16. “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

“But” Someone Says:

- **“Water doesn’t wash away sin!”**
 - That is correct – only the blood of Christ can: Rev. 1:4-5. “...Grace to you and peace...from Jesus Christ...who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood”

Ananias is not saying

- That water will wash away our sins, but that when we are baptized in water, the blood of Christ will.
 - When the prophet Elisha... (2 Kgs. 5)
 - When Jesus told the blind man ... (Jno. 9)
 - When we are baptized into Christ we reach His blood (Rom. 6:3-7)

Remember

- **If “washing away” our sins is necessary for salvation; then baptism is necessary for salvation.**