

### ➤ Intro:

- **two weeks ago:** Baptism for the Remission of Sins
  - explored Greek word: *eis* translated “for”
- **this week:** Baptized Into Christ
  - also uses Greek word *eis* but translated “into”

### ➤ Review “for the remission of sins”

- **Acts 2:38** “for” (*eis*)
- **definition ( Kittle) – explain**
  - “In Acts 2:38 *eis* denotes the direction of an action to a specific end as it does in Matt. 26:28; Mk. 1:4; Lk. 3:3” (Gerald Kittle, Editor, Translated By: Geofferey W. Bromiley, Volume II).

### ➤ - **illus.:** go to the store for milk / repent and be baptized for the remission of sins – to obtain

- - **confusion with English word “for”:** sometimes it means “because of” and other times it means “to obtain, receive” like in Acts 2:38
  - **illus.:** hanged the man for murder / went to the store for some milk
    - hanged “because of” murder
    - went to the store “ to obtain” some milk
  - **Which is it in Acts 2:38? – go to God’s word for the answer**
    - **Heb. 4:12** God’s word, living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword

### ➤ - What does the Bible tell us? – baptized to receive forgiveness

- **Matt. 26:28** same phrase appears as in **Acts 2:38**
  - **Received Text exact same / Nestlé extra pronoun in Acts 2:38 “your”**

### ➤ - **comparison: Matt. 26:28 with Acts 2:38**

- **When did Jesus obtain the forgiveness of man’s sins?** – before or after shed blood (**Heb. 9**) - **after**
- **When do we receive forgiveness of our sins?** – before or after baptized - **after**

### ➤ - Other information in the Bible

- **Mk. 16:16** believe, and, baptized, saved
  - **illus.:** not hard to understand, honesty and sincere heart required
    - **high school kids** stop by, raised church, believe saved before baptized, read verse, asked them what it meant based on their knowledge of the word “**and**”, they correctly interpreted, in opposition to their church
- **1 Pet. 3:21** baptism now saves us – **lost unless baptized**
  - **illus.:** at fair, man had a children’s train ministry, talked about salvation, told him I believed 1 Pet. 3:21
- **Rom. 6:3; Eph. 1:3** baptized into Christ, all spiritual blessings in Christ – **this lesson**

- **History of doctrines on the reason for baptism from Pentecost to today – Why must we be baptized?**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> century: Pentecost**, baptism for the **remission of sins (complete and total forgiveness, unlike under the Mosaic Law)**
- - **Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:3** baptized, forgiveness of sin, now **saves us, into Christ**
- - **2<sup>nd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>) century: Gnostics** not practice baptism, taught that it was not necessary
- - **3<sup>rd</sup> century: baptism of babies to be saved**, doctrine of total hereditary depravity (original sin)
  - immersion practiced at first, then sprinkling after the Council of Ravenna (A.D. 1331)
  - babies “baptized” (affusion) in the womb, if possibly not survive birth
- - **A.D. 1331 Council of Ravenna: sprinkling** was recognized as a substitute for immersion by the Roman Catholic Church – **sick baptism A.D. 251**
- - **16 - 18<sup>th</sup> centuries: Reformation**
  - **most of these churches continued to baptize babies** (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal)
  - **John Smyth, founder of the Baptist Church** in England (A.D. 1607), opposed the Church of England, rejected infant baptism, believed in immersion, thus the name “Baptists”
- - **Hiscox Manual: today, most if not all Baptist Church, believe baptized as act of obedience, not for salvation – sinner’s prayer: pray to be saved, baptized to obey**
- - **20<sup>th</sup> century: baptism totally unnecessary for any rason**, rebirth of Gnostic doctrine
- - **today: 4 major teachings – we must study to know which one is correct**
  - **not be baptized – doctrine originating with Gnostics**
  - **should be baptized as a matter of obedience**, but to necessary to be saved
  - **baptized for the remission on sins - babies** christened (baptized) because they’re born sinners, and confirmed later when older – **3<sup>rd</sup> century doctrine**
  - **baptized for the remission of sins, people who believe, repent, confess**, not babies – **doctrine of Christ**

- **Salvation is in Christ** – body of Christ, church
  - **2 Tim. 2:10; 3:15** salvation in Christ
    - **Rom. 6:23** eternal life (salvation) in Christ
    - **Eph. 1:3** all spiritual blessings in Christ (salvation)
  
- - **Eph. 5:23-24; 1:22-23a** Jesus Savior of the body, which is the church
  - Christ's "body" and "church" – synonymous: one and the same
  
- - What does the expression "in Christ" mean?
  - a person who is "in Christ" is in union with Him, as a member of His body
  - **Rom. 6:3, 5a** baptized, united with Christ – one
  - **illus.: like clothes, put on clothes, in your clothes**
    - **Gal. 3:27** "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."
      - in Christ
  
- **How do we enter into Christ (His body, church)? When are we saved?** – how united, enter into relationship
  - **Rom 6:3; Gal. 3:27** baptized into Christ
    - *eis* ("into")denotes the direction of an action to a specific end – movement and contact
      - walk into the building
        - if don't walk, not enter the building
      - baptized into Christ
        - if not baptized, not enter Christ
    - some say this Scripture means baptism is only a "symbol" (a thing that stands for something else)
      - claim baptism is an "outward sign of an inward grace"
      - "symbol" not in verse
      - when we are baptized, faith, literally immersed into Christ by God – body, church, death
  
- - **1 Cor. 12:13a** baptized into the body – which is the church (**Eph. 1:22-23**)
  - walk into the building
    - if don't walk, not enter the building
  - baptized into Christ
    - if not baptized, not enter Christ
  
- - **Acts 2:47** added to the church by Lord, when baptized – which is the body (**Eph. 1:22-23**)
  
- **Summary / Inv.**
  - we enter into Christ when we are baptized / salvation is in Christ / we are saved when we are baptized
    - **Mk. 16:16** believe, baptized, saved
    - **1 Pet. 3:21** baptism now saves us
  - **inv.**
    - Saved when baptized / Added to church when saved / Do you have to be a member of the church to be saved?