

## Acts 2:38

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, Whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart (*Gk.2588-thoughts or feelings [mind]*), and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

**Act 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, (1) Repent, and (2) be baptized every one of you in the (3) name of (4) Jesus Christ (5) for the (6) remission of sins, and ye shall receive the (7) gift of the Holy Ghost.

### 1. Repentance-

**G3340** μετανοέω metanoeō *met-an-o-eh'-o*

From G3326 and G3539; to **think differently** or *afterwards*, that is, **reconsider** (morally to *feel compunction [uneasy feeling prompted by guilt]*): - repent. (*Emp. added*)

Luk 5:30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against His disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? 31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

*(Jesus knew the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees. They considered themselves righteous which is why He knew they would not heed His call to true righteousness.)*

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

2Co 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance (*looking forward*) to salvation not to be repented of (*reconsidered*): but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

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### 2. Baptism-

The denominational world just skips over this verse as though it wasn't even there. Or they "explain" it away with the accuracy of a talented surgeon with a scalpel.

**G907** βαπτίζω baptizō *bap-tid'-zo*

From a derivative of G911; to **make whelmed** (that is, *fully wet*);

Thayer- ...sacred immersion, commanded by Christ, by which men confessing their sins and professing their faith in Christ are born again by the Holy Spirit unto a new

life, come into fellowship with Christ and the church and are made partakers of eternal salvation;...

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Noah and his family were...

1Pe 3:20 ...saved by water.

Today we also can be saved by water because...

1Pe 3:21 ... baptism doth also now save us...

1Pe 3:21 ... the answer of a good conscience toward God,) **by** the resurrection of Jesus Christ: (*...if Christ didn't raise up from the dead we would all be in our sins.*) (Emp. added)

Water by itself won't save just as the blood of Christ, in and of itself, won't save either. We don't wash our clothes in water without adding detergent, do we? Neither do we wash our clothes in detergent only. Water, then, is the activating agent (*in our obedience to baptism*) and Christ's blood is the cleansing agent (*which is activated in our immersion*).

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### 3. In the **name** of- (*what's in a name?*)

**G3686** ὄνομα onoma *on'-om-ah*

From a presumed derivative of the base of G1097 (compare G3685); a "name" (literally or figuratively), (**authority**, *character*): - called, (+ sur-) name (-d). (Emp. added)

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name (*authority*) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Act 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond (*Gk.4022-wander about*) Jews, exorcists, **took upon them**(*selves*) to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, **We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.** 14 And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but **who are ye?** (*These were Jews that thought they were "all that". They were like Simon the sorcerer who were in it just to be popular. Imagine the look on their faces when the evil spirits asked "who are you?" !*) 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name (*Gk.3686-authority*) of the Lord Jesus was magnified. (Emp. added)

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Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

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Joh 5:26 For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; 27 And hath given Him **authority** to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. (*Emp. added*)

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Heb 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

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#### 4. **Jesus Christ-**

**G5547** Χριστός Christos *khris-tos'*

From G5548; **anointed**, that is, **the Messiah**, an epithet of Jesus: - Christ. (*Emp. added*)

The Jews spoken to that day of Pentecost were so pricked in their hearts (2:37) because they killed, by going along with the crowd (*remember, when good people do nothing against evil they are just as guilty- Rom 1:32*), the One they had been looking for all their lives.

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#### 5. **For-** (*eis, not dia which means "because of"*)

**G1519** εἰς eis *ice*

A primary preposition; *to* or *into* (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time, or (figuratively) **purpose** (result, etc.); (*Emp. added*)

Why in the world would a person want to get baptized "because" their sins were already washed away?

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#### 6. **Remission-**

**G859** ἄφεσις aphesis *af-es-is*

From G863; *freedom*; (figuratively) *pardon*: - deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, remission.

We understand what it means when a person is in "remission" concerning cancer. Sin is a cancer that eats away at the lives of souls that are created in the image of God. To be pardoned from a past crime is for it to be considered as never having happened. (That pardon is of no use if one continues committing the same *[or other]* crimes.)

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#### 7. **The gift-**

**G1431** δωρεά dōrea *do-reh-ah'*

From G1435; a *gratuity*: - gift.

- This is the same gift that Jesus was promised in verse 33. It is the kingdom/the church. Only in this kingdom can eternal life (*1 Jn 2:25*) be found. Therefore the gift and the promise go hand in hand. (Dan 7:13, 14)

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**Act 2:39** For the (1) promise is unto you, and to (2) your children, and to all that are (3) afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall (4) call.

1. **Promise-**

**G1860** ἐπαγγελία *epaggelia ep-ang-el-ee'-ah*

From G1861; an **announcement** (for information, assent or **pledge**; especially a **divine assurance** of good): - message, promise. (*Emp. added*)

Eph 1:13 In Whom (*Christ*) ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed (*Gk.4972-to stamp for security*) with that Holy Spirit of **promise**, 14 Which is the earnest (*Gk.728-pledge, given in advance as security for the rest*) of our inheritance until the redemption (*Gk.629-deliverance*) of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory. (*Emp. added*)

1Jn 2:25 And this is the promise that He hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

Remember, a person can lose their “eternal security” just as quickly as they can lose their security deposit on a rental property if they go back on the agreement signed in the lease. Christ is the Landlord of Heaven! It is His right to allow whomever He wills to enter. We can be assured of that promise through our obedience.

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2. **Children**, Gk.5043- Thayer- “posterity”.
3. **all afar off-** (*whether by distance [as with the Gentiles] or by time [as by future generations-“your children”]*)

**G3112** μακρὰν *makran mak-ran'*

Feminine accusative singular of G3117 (G3598 being implied); *at a distance* (literally or figuratively): - (a-) far (off), good (great) way off.

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him.

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4. **Call-**

**G4341** προσκαλέομαι *proskaleomai pros-kal-eh'-om-ahee*

Middle voice from G4314 and G2564; to **call toward oneself**, that is, *summon, invite*: - call (for, to, unto).

2Th 2:14 Whereunto He called (*Gk.2564-bid*) you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mat 22:2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were **bidden** to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are **bidden**, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*. 7 But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were **bidden** were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad (*Gk. sinners*) and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: (*Emp. added*)

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Mat 22:12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For **many are called**, but **few are chosen**. (*Emp. added*)

In order to be a part of the chosen few we all need to be in Him. We all at some time received the call but only those of us who answer that call through obedience become the chosen few who will enter that heavenly home. God set the standard of admittance into Heaven even before He created anything.

Eph 1:4 According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

Do you hear Him calling?

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