

## Come Let us Grow Together: If Remission of Sins came by Repentance Alone

Many people believe that when you believe on Jesus Christ, repent of your sins, and accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior that you are saved. But if this be the case then why is there scriptures that appear to contradict this teaching?

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. (Acts 22:16)

If remission of sins came by repentance alone then why did Ananias tell Paul to be baptized calling on the name of the Lord to wash away his sins?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)

If remission of sins came by repentance alone then why did the Apostle Peter tell us to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins?

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; (Col 2:11-14)

If remission of sins came by repentance alone then why did the Apostle Paul tell us that the circumcision of Christ took place when you are buried with him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (Jn 3:5-7)

If remission of sins came by repentance alone then why did Jesus tell us we must be born again of water and of the Spirit?

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. (1 Jn 5:8)

They agree in being born again. Blood, water, and Spirit. Death (repentance), burial (water baptism in Jesus name), and resurrection (being filled with the Holy Ghost.)

If remission of sins came by repentance alone then why did Apostle John tell us that the blood,

water, and Spirit agree in one?

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mk 16:16)

If remission of sins came by repentance alone then why did Jesus tell us He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved?

ANSWER: Your sins are not remitted when you repent of your sins. They are remitted when you repent and are baptized in Jesus name as says the scriptures. This is why Jesus said he that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Acts 2:38

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Remember, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;" (2 Tim 3:16)

This teaches us that we can not stack one scripture against another scripture to eliminate one of them. I would like to give 3 examples of how people commonly use one scripture to reject another.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16 accepted) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mk 16:16 rejected)

Yet we have learned that all scripture is inspired by God and profitable for doctrine.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Rm 10:9 accepted) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38 rejected)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Eph 2:8 accepted) And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. (Acts 22:16 rejected)