

## For The Remission Of Sins

“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.”

Some will deny the necessity of water baptism for forgiveness and salvation by claiming that the passage above was mistranslated from Greek into English. They say that the English word “unto” or “for,” which is “eis” in Greek, should have been rendered “because of” or “because you already have” remission of sins, thereby discounting the importance of baptism as a vital element of forgiveness and salvation.

According to Thayer’s lexicon, “eis” means “***entrance into, or direction and limit: into, to, towards, for, among.***” To better understand the meaning, consider the entire phrase “for the remission of sins.” That phrase is also found in Mark 1:4 and Luke 3:3 where it is recorded that John preached “*the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.*” Did John preach and baptize because the people had already been forgiven of their sins, or did he do his work in view of or leading up to that time of forgiveness through Christ? John’s work was done for the latter reason, of course!

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