



A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- Peter's sermon on Pentecost was exceedingly simple.
- There were no illustrations,
 - No stirring stories,
- No marvelous points of logic,
- No soaring heights of oratory.

- The Apostle simply declared the truth of God,
- Boldly exposing the sin of his hearers
- And explaining the meaning of Christ's death
and
resurrection.

- **Romans 10:14**

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?

- **and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?**

- **and how shall they hear without a preacher?**

- Philip preached to the Ethiopian Eunuch,
- Peter to Cornelius,
 - Paul to Lydia,
- Paul to the Philippian Jailor,
 - Paul to Onesimus.
- None were ever saved out in the cornfield by some mysterious event.

- Peter, speaking by the Spirit, **gave a command from God.**
 - They must **Repent** and **obey** or **perish** (**Mat 10:11-15**; **Mat 10:40**).

- **Repentance**

is more than sorrow for sin.

- It is a change of **mind**,

- a change of **motives**,

- a change of **masters!**

- It is a change of **heart**
and **life** that is continual.

- The offer of pardon, made to the world by Peter through Jesus Christ, **is conditional.**
- Those looking for unconditional forgiveness **are to be sadly disappointed.**
- There is **no** unconditional love or salvation.
- If God's love is unconditional then I **need Book, chapter and verse!**

- **Acts 2:38**

**Then Peter said unto them,
Repent, and be baptized
every one of you in the
name of Jesus Christ for
the remission of sins,**

- This passage shows with crystal clarity the effect of the Cross.
- When men realized just what they had done in crucifying Jesus
- Their hearts were broken.

**"I," said Jesus, "
when I am lifted up
from the earth
will draw all men to myself"
(John 12:32)**

**The Cross,
when we understand
what happened there,
must pierce the heart.**

- That experience **demands a reaction** from men.
- "**Repent**," said Peter,
- **What** does repentance mean?

- The word originally meant **an afterthought.**
 - A second thought often shows that **the first thought was wrong;**
 - And so the word came to mean a **Change of mind.**

- A change of mind demands **a change of action.**
- Repentance must involve both **change of mind** and **change of action.**
 - One may come to see that his actions were wrong **but be so much in love with his old ways** that he will not change them.
 - True repentance involves **a change of mind** and **a change of action.**

- When repentance comes something happens to the past.
 - There is God's forgiveness for what lies behind.

- Let us be quite clear that the consequences of sins are not wiped out.
- Not even God can do that.
- When we sin we may well do something to ourselves and to others which cannot be undone.

- **Romans 4:7** Blessed are they **whose iniquities are forgiven,** and whose sins are covered.
- **4:8** Blessed is the man to whom the Lord **will not impute sin.**
- **4:7** "Happy are those whose wrongs are forgiven, **whose sins are pardoned!**
- **4:8** Happy is the person whose sins the Lord **will not keep account of !"**
- **Psa 51:7** Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be **whiter than snow.**

- **Micah 7:19**

**He will again have
compassion upon us;**

- **he will tread our iniquities
under foot;**

- **and you will cast
all their sins**

into the depths of the sea.

- **Isaiah 38:17**

you have cast

all my sins

behind your back.

R.C.H. Lenski,
Lutheran scholar

whose 12-volume series of commentaries on the New Testament (from a traditional Lutheran perspective)

contains a literal translation

of the Greek texts, observes:

**“ ... all nations are to be
made into disciples:
by baptizing them
and by teaching them.”**
(Matthew 28:19-20)

- **Act 2:38 KJV**

**Then Peter said unto them,
Repent, and be baptized
every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the remission of sins,**

- **Act 2:38 HNCT**

- **Then Peter answered,
“Change your hearts
and each one of you
must be immersed
by the authority of Jesus the Messiah
so that your sins may be forgiven.**

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(Holy New Covenant Translation)

➤ **Acts 2:38 (GW)**

"All of you must turn to God and change the way you think and act, and each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
so that your sins will be forgiven.



➤ **Acts 2:38 GNB**

"Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,
so that your sins will be forgiven;

➤ **Acts 2:38 ERV**

"Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then God will forgive your sins,



➤ **Acts 2:37 CEV**

When the people heard this, they were very upset. They asked Peter and the other apostles "What shall we do?"



➤ **Acts 2:38 CEV**

Peter said, "Turn back to God! Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, **so that your sins will be forgiven.**

- Some have contended that the clause, **“for the remission of sins”** depends largely upon the term **repent**,

- And that the connection of thought is this:

“Repent for the remission of sins,

- **And then be immersed in**
the name of Jesus Christ.”

- It is sufficient to say that if Peter had intended to say this, he would most certainly have done so;
- If men are permitted, after this style, to entirely reconstruct the sentences of inspired apostles,
 - Then there is no statement in the Word of God which may not be perverted.

What can we learn from the pickle?



Colossians 2:12 (KJV)

**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.**



- The Greek poet and Physician, Nicander of Colophon [This city would be in the present day Turkey], who lived about 200 B.C., unwittingly confirmed the Biblical language.

- He described a recipe for making pickles by using both the word

bapto {G_911}

and

baptidzo {G_907}

- “Bapto” is used in Luke 16:24

- **Luke 16:24**

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus,

that he may

dip {G_911}

the tip of his finger in water,

and cool my tongue;

for I am tormented in this flame.

- “Baptizo”
is used in
Acts 2:38

- Then Peter said unto them,
Repent, and be
baptized {G_907}
every one of you in the name of
Jesus Christ for the remission of
sins,...

- He described a recipe for making pickles by using both the word **bapto** and **baptidzo**.
 - In order to make a pickle, **Nicander says,**
 - The vegetable should first be '**dipped**' [**bapto**] into boiling water
 - And then the same should be '**baptized**' [**baptidzo**] in a vinegar solution.

- In the case of the pickle, the dipping in water was temporary,
- While immersing it in the vinegar solution was complete and produced a permanent change.
- It would never taste like a cucumber again.

- The point made is that both the dipping the finger in water to cool the Rich Man's tongue (Luke 16:24),
- And immersing a penitent believer in water for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 8:36-38),
- describes the action of bapto and baptidzo.

- Our understanding of baptism does not stand in the testimony of Nicander, but in the inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:14-16).
- However, the inspired biblical writers used the vocabulary that everyone was using at that time.
 - It is the way God used these words in his revelation that makes the Bible unique.

- It is noteworthy that bapto [dip] and baptidzo [dip or immerse] have not changed their meaning in 2,000 years.

- That is why Nicander's testimony is corroborative of the biblical text.

- Some people, I am sorry to say, have only been dipped [bapto] in water like the pickle.
- They have not changed their life which baptism [baptidzo] demands.

- Let us consider consider what the
 - “Salvation before baptism” doctrine means.

- 1. SAVED OUTSIDE OF CHRIST?
- The Bible says several times that we are “**baptized into Christ**”.
 - Romans 6:3, Gal. 3:27 etc.
- If baptism is how we get into Christ and we are saved without baptism
 - Then we are saved without getting into Christ.

- 2. SAVED APART FROM HIS DEATH?
 - Romans 6:3 says we are “baptized into His death”
 - Colossians 2:12 says we are “buried with Him in baptism.”
 - If baptism is how we participate in His death and we are saved without baptism
 - Then we are saved separate and apart from His death.

- 3. **SAVED WITHOUT REMISSION OF SINS?**
 - **Acts 2:38** says that baptism is **“unto the remission of sins”**
 - **Acts 22:16** says that baptism is **how sins are washed away.**
- If baptism is how sins are washed way
 - and we are saved without baptism
- then we are saved without our sins being **“washed away.”**

- 4. **SAVED WITHOUT BEING SAVED?**

- Jesus said

- “**He who believes and is baptized shall be saved,**

- **and he who does not believe will be condemned.”**

- Mark 16:15-16.**

- The fact is Jesus said this is **not possible.**

- “**Except a man is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”**

- John 3:5.**

- **2Timothy 4:3**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

- **4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



