

Remission Of Sins

Song: 704 Lloyd Hymnal: Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, We pray this day that thy word of truth does not fall by the wayside. We pray that thy word of truth does not fall on stony places. We pray that thy word of truth does not fall among thorns. We pray that the word of truth, which you have given us for this occasion, will fall on good ground, and through the effectual working of thy Holy Spirit power, bring forth much fruit. We ask this blessing, in the name above all other names, the name of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, Amen!

Proclaim an open door to the church at any time during the service.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for the remission of all your sins? This is a vital truth for the Christian. Remission means *freedom, pardon, deliverance, forgiveness, liberty*. We are told in scripture in:

Mt 26:27 *"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."* This is at the passover supper where Jesus established the Lord's Supper, which we observe as our communion service. *"Drink ye all of it"* does not say: drink all that is in the cup. It does say: every one of his disciples were to drink of it. This tells me that every child of grace is to make their profession of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, become a part of the organized church, preferably the Primitive Baptist faith, and partake of the Lord's Supper.

Mr 1:4 *"John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."* John began his public ministry before Jesus began his. John came preaching the same message that Jesus preached: *"the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* Did being repentant of their sins and being baptized by John bring remission of sins to those he baptized? The answer is yes: but the water baptism of John only did, what the law sacrifices for sin did: Their sins were forgiven, but only here on earth in time. It did not give them eternal remission of their sins, which is why the sacrifice of Christ on the cross was necessary. This is why water baptism is important still today. It demonstrates a good conscience before God, It demonstrates that we believe that Jesus indeed paid for our sins, and we feel the sweet relief of our sin debt being in the past, when we are laid beneath the water, immersed, and then raised in newness of life.

Jesus began his public ministry and established the church on earth. Just as it is today, only those, who are born again and recognize that they are sinners, willing to make a public confession receive water baptism. If a person is not willing to admit they are a sinner, and they do not believe that Jesus has given them eternal remission of their sins, they are not candidates for water baptism. This truth is manifested in scripture in Luke chapter 1 verses 67-79, where John's father made the prophetic proclamation of Jesus, and the work of John the Baptist.

Lu 1:77; 67 *"And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: 71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. 76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; 77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, 79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."* We have knowledge of eternal salvation, because of the eternal remission of our sins through Jesus Christ. Therefore, we can walk in the way of peace. If we believe our sins are eternally forgiven. If we do not have peace in our hearts: we know that Satan is sowing lies in our hearts, and minds, to take away the joy of our eternal remission of sins. Do not believe the lies of Satan. Belief in, and believing, Satan's lies is why we need eternal remission of sins, brought upon us by Adam and Eve, who believed the serpent's lies over God's word of truth.

Consider, **Ac 2:38; 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, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men, and brethren, what shall we do? 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, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 ¶ And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

What happened that caused these to repent and be baptized? They were pricked in their hearts. Why? Because they recognized that they were the cause of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The same is true today. If you are pricked in your heart, it is because the Holy Spirit has revealed to you that it was your sin that nailed Jesus to the cross, and crucified Christ Jesus. If this is manifested in your life, then you are ready to make that public confession of faith, be baptized, and enjoy the fellowship of the saints of God, and to eat of the Lord's Supper. These actions will save you **"from this untoward generation."** What is this untoward generation? It is those who refuse to believe in God, nor do they believe that Jesus is the Christ, and they do not believe in his finished work.

Ac 10:43; 42 "And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. 43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. 44 ¶ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." In this text we have hearing and believing, no baptism, to receive remission of sins. This text tells us plainly that Jesus is the judge of both the quick and the dead. What does that mean? The quick are those who have been born again, those who have the Holy Ghost in them, and believe in the eternal remission of sins by Jesus. The dead are those who do not believe in God and Christ. We will all stand before Jesus in the eternal resurrection. The quickened were already judged to be sinless before God, and they shall be raised in sinless and immortal bodies to eternal life in Christ. The dead will be raised in bodies that shall be forever dying, will hear the awful news that they are damned to the eternal lake of fire forever.

Ro 3:25; 21 "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." This text tells us that Jesus removed us, both Jew and Gentile, from under the law service which carried the penalty of death for sins. **"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:"** Notice, the righteousness of God is **"of Jesus Christ,"** not something that we conjure up. **"to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past,"** Notice, all our sins that are in the past have been forgiven. Being born again we are robed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and we are justified, before God the Father, as sinless and pure, by the eternal remission of sins wrought for us by Jesus on the cross. The reason it is sins that are past is the newborn creature in Christ does not sin, seen in: **1Jo 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."** Another reason is that Jesus died for the eternal remission all the sins of all of God's people, which puts all sins in the past. Even before we are born in the world, all our sins are in the past, and removed in the eternal purpose of God.

Heb 9:22; 22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 ¶ It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Jesus Christ offered his pure and holy blood, the only blood that was able to purge sins away forever, once for all that God gave him to save. The text tells us: Jesus is coming a second time and any, whose sins are not remitted by the blood of Jesus, will not be partakers in the eternal life in Christ in the immortal heaven.

Heb 10:18; 14 "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19 ¶ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." We are told plainly in this text: If we believe that our sins are remitted, paid for by Jesus Christ, then we are to boldly approach the visible church on earth and make our declaration of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

We are told to hold fast to this belief, which we have been given through the gift of the new birth, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God. We are to assemble with others who also believe these same truths. We are to exhort one another, which means encourage one another, in these beliefs, that we may hold out faithful, until the appearance of our Saviour "**the second time without sin unto salvation.**" This is why the church is assembled here today, to encourage those that believe, to trust fully in the finished work of Jesus Christ. To encourage those who have heard and believed and have not made their public confession of faith in Christ, to be ready with willing hearts and minds to make this confession. To those that hear, but do not yet understand, we encourage you to search your heart and pray to God, for that faith of Jesus Christ to enter into your heart, and mind, and captivate you in his eternal love.

Wherefore, we ask you this question: Do you now understand how belief in the eternal remission of sins is necessary in the life of a Christian? Do you understand why you must believe that Jesus Christ died for you, and gave you eternal remission of all your sins? If you do, it is plain what you need to do. If you do not believe, I am not your friend. Why? Because you have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. Had I done no more than read to you the word of God, without any exposition, you would have heard the gospel. Today, you have heard both the word of God and exposition. Those, that refuse the gospel, are in a worse place than those, who have never heard the gospel. Why? Refusal to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is a ticket to the eternal lake of fire. The door of the church is yet open to receive members. In closing, we pray: May God bless his revealed word of truth unto the manifestation of his salvation of sinners, which will bring glory and honor to the name of God, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen!