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## Remission of sins Pt 1 For the Jew

In our previous study on repentance we suggested a meaning of “remission of sins” can be found in Rom.3: 25. In this new study we will look at “remission of sins” and expand on our meaning from Romans, and establish that (1) the Jew had their sins remitted under the sacrificial system of the law, and (2) the Jew had their sins forgiven, but not cleared, hence remission is forgiveness, and (3) John the Baptist preached – repent and be baptised for the remission of sins, and (4) Peter preached – repent and be baptised for the remission of sins.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. The Jew had their sins remitted under the sacrificial system of the law.

“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people...And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb.9: 18 & 22).

### 2. The Jew had their sins forgiven but not cleared, hence remittance is forgiveness

“Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty” (Ex.34: 7).

Which makes sense as the Greek word for “remission” is also translated forgiveness.

### 3. John the Baptist preached – repent and be baptised for the remission of sins.

“John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judæa, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins (Mk 1: 4 & 5).

### 4. Peter preached – repent and be baptised for remission of 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).

### An illustration to help apply the teaching to our life today.

Jonathan Edwards preached one of the greatest sermons ever recorded – “In the hands of an angry God”, and he preached it during a time where those going to church were walking in the flesh, and perhaps some were unsaved that attended his church. After his sermon there were believers and unbelievers hanging onto the balustrade trying to stay upright, whilst feeling like they were slipping down into hell, such was their sin, and the power of the Holy Spirit of God to convict them that day and in subsequent days during the period of the Great Awakening.

### Question to think about.

Why did John the Baptist and Peter preach – repent and be baptised for the remission of sins exclusively to Jews when, under the law they received forgiveness of their sin?

### Answer from the scriptures.

Why does a preacher today preach repentance to a church that is slipped back into the world, where there is more of the world than of the things of God – much like the first century church? Because the people need to repent!

IF they are in the body of Christ then their sins are forgiven, but they need to repent.

It was similar for Israel during the time of John the Baptist and Peter, the nation of Israel had moved away from the law, and under the law there were sacrifices for their sins to be remitted but they needed to repent, and turn from sin, hence why John “when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance” (Matt.3: 7 & 8).