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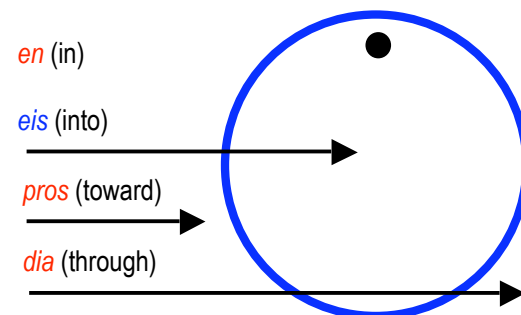


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2. IT IS NOT AN ACT OF GRATITUDE

The argument is made that the preposition “for,” or “into” (Greek *eis*) in Acts 2:38 really means “because of”. However, the Greek preposition *eis* is rarely, if ever, translated that way. In fact, most of the grammars of the Greek New Testament diagram the prepositions this way.



There are two other aspects of this that argue for our point. First is that no one ever is said to *repent* because their sins have already been forgiven. The second is that in Acts 2:40, Peter is still admonishing those at Pentecost to “be saved from this perverse generation.” So how could they repent or be baptized “because of” the remission of their sins when this action by God has not yet occurred?

3. IT IS NOT SPRINKLING

God used the word *baptizo*, from the Greek, because of the nature of the event. We are to be “planted” or “buried” with Christ in baptism (Colossians 2:12; Romans 6:3-4). The word means: to dip, immerse, dye, or submerge.

baptizo is actually the intensive form of the word *bapto* and means to “cause to perish, as by drowning a man.” If God had wanted us to use water in any other way He had plenty of words to choose from:

louo is to wash the whole body;

nipto is to wash or rinse the members of the body;

rhaino is to sprinkle the water on the body. (One does not bury a body by sprinkling a little dirt on it.)

bapto means “bury” in water.