

## LESSON 5 – Acts 2:38-39

### “Double Cure for Double Trouble”

1. Discuss the Old Testament imagery of water being associated with the forgiveness of sins. How is Christian baptism a more specific and clear representation of this forgiveness?
2. In Acts 2:38-39, in the phrase “for the forgiveness of sins,” the word translated “for” is the Greek word “*eis*.” Discuss the three possible meanings of this Greek word in relationship to forgiveness of sins.
3. Discuss the comfort afforded to Christians by the knowledge that, at baptism, we are forgiven of all sins (past, present, and future).
4. Discuss the times in Acts (2:1-4; 10:44-48) when the Holy Spirit was given before baptism. Why should these be seen as “special cases” and not the norm for all Christians?
5. Why is Acts 2:38-39 an excellent summary of receiving Christ by faith?