

SEASONS OF REFRESHING May 12, 2013

Acts 3:17-21 (ESV)

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and turn again that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

- He is calling them to turn from the wrong way of looking at Jesus!
- The world is not bad, it is just completely wrong. If we don't get that, we will not really have "eternity in our hearts."
- You will never know that the world is truly good until you're convinced that the world is truly wrong.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

- Luke 12:13-20
 - The Parable of the Rich Fool: “Eat, drink, be merry...”
- Matthew 13
 - The Parable of the Soils: The trap of materialism
- Matthew 25
 - The Parable of the Investments: The fear of failure
- That their sins will be blotted out!
- That times of refreshing will come from the Presence of The Lord.
- That God will send Messiah Jesus back to them.
- Repentance leads to refreshing.

Our Sins Are Blotted Out

- Blotted out means God has no memory of sin.

Isaiah 38:17 (ESV)

Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

Psalm 103:12 (ESV)

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 43:25 (ESV)

I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Micah 7:19 (ESV)

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

- If God has the power to erase His own memory, He certainly can erase yours!
- He casts all my sins behind His back.
- He removes our transgressions from us
- He blots out our transgressions
- He treads our iniquities underfoot.