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- **CHOSEN BIBLICAL New Testament SCRIPTURE-**



This month's *coloured attachment* scripture is **ACTS 2:38-39**

“Every one of you must turn from sin, return to God and be baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; then you also shall receive the gift of The Holy Spirit, for Christ promised Him to each one of you....and even to those in distant lands”

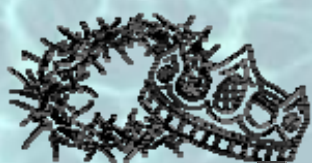
Repentance is a change of mind, a godly sorrow for sin, confession and forsaking sin, a complete change of mind. A human's self-will takes time before a person concedes they cannot make it on their own, and come to their senses. **True repentance is confession of an offence that has been committed against God, and a change of heart takes place in the result of seeing a change of action.**

Before the lost can come to God, they must acknowledge their slavery to sin and their separation from God. **People have a free will to return or not.** A sinner realises that they deserve nothing from God and completely rely up His mercy and forgiveness.

A mature individual acknowledges sin and confesses publicly that he/she was a sinner, and with the immersion in water symbolizing the washing away of the old life (**death to old nature**) and rising with Christ (**to newness of Life**) becomes a member of the Body of Christ, and are baptised into Christ by The Holy Spirit (by a circumcision of the heart).

**Two gifts are given to every believer, forgiveness and The Holy Spirit.**

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**CHRIST AS SEEN IN THE BOOK OF ACTS**



**Jesus is The Spirit Baptiser and The Living Word.**

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★ **BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE-** Did you know that because of a slave girl God rescued from an evil spirit of divination, she and a jailer's household, entered into The Kingdom of God? Essentially the slave girl was like a medium for spirits of divination, which is an attempt to discover the unknown by spiritual means. It is forbidden by God because it has disastrous consequences.

A Colouring Page of the slave girl and an expose of her story is at <http://www.tne.net.au/~abdaacts/slave1.html>

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**AN APRIL EVENT-Isidore** was born about 560 in Seville, Spain, into a noble Christian family. He was the youngest child and was personally educated by his older brother, who managed to furnish his little brother with both a brilliant mind and a tender heart. Isidore became pastor in Seville and he concerned himself with establishing schools for the young, **and evangelising Jews.** He established seminaries in every Spanish diocese for training young ministers. He also compiled **history's first encyclopedia, the Etymologiae.** Isidore also developed a set of **biographies on biblical characters,** and many books of **sermons and theological**

*studies. He became known as **the greatest teacher in Spain**. The highlight of his career came late in his 37-year ministry. He presided over the great Spanish church council of Toledo, 633. The council approved the singing of hymns, not just the words of Scripture. And it forbade the compulsory conversion of Jews. Isidore began **distributing his goods to the poor**, raised his hands to heaven and prayed loudly, confessing his sins and pleading for grace. A crowd assembled, and Isidore requested their prayers and forgave his debtors. He preached to the people about love, then distributed his remaining possessions. After returning home, he took to his bed and died peacefully on Thursday, **April 4, 636**.*

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✝ **God Bless.**  
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**Father God**, We believe and know that Christ died to save us, even though we were sinners, He saved us from Your Wrath to come and from spiritual death and ultimately physical death. Christ has brought us back to You, Father God, as You had intended and we rejoice in this wonderful Reconciliation, all because of the Love of Christ Jesus.  
**In His Glorious Name. AMEN.**

