No One Argues About What Jesus Said in Matt. 26:28

The scene was the last supper. Jesus is essentially morphing the Passover meal into the Lord's Supper, or communion as we often call it. Jesus' words are quite clear, and I've never heard anyone of any church argue against what He said. After breaking the bread and serving it to the 12, Jesus takes the cup and says,

> **"Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."** (Matthew 26:27, 28 NASB):

All serious Bible students, yea, even beginners, understand what Jesus said and what He meant by "…for forgiveness of sins." He meant it is ***actually for the purpose of forgiveness of sins!*** It was NOT because sins and already been forgiven, or Jesus' death would have been in vain. It was NOT some symbolic drink to say that anyone's sins had been forgiven ***before*** that time. We all know Jesus was looking to the future - ***after*** His blood was shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:22 teaches us that, **"…without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."** Likewise, Hebrews 10:4 teaches us, **"For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."** Since those two things are true, we know it took that blood of Jesus, shed on the cross to take away our sins. 1 Peter 1:18, 19 remind us, **"…knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.** It all comes together - Jesus shed his blood ***for the forgiveness of sins!***

We find the same words in **Acts 2:38**, the same words Jesus spoke in **Matthew 26:28**, ***"for the forgiveness of sins." Hmmm. I wonder what those words could possibly mean? I submit that it means the same thing they meant when Jesus spoke them in Matthew 26:28! If not, why not?***

Every person saved after the cross (when the Old Testament died, Colossians 2:14) and the New Covenant came into effect (Hebrews 9:16) was baptized into Christ. No verse anywhere tells of any other way to get into Christ! None! No verse ever says anyone *believes into Christ, or confesses into Christ or repents into Christ!* ***In fact the only word that ever appears before "into Christ" is the word "baptized."*** I know people reject that idea, but when they do, they are denying the clear teaching of the Bible! ***If we understand the words of Matthew 26:28, why would we fail to understand the same words in Acts 2:38?***

I have an idea: Let's all believe Gods' word in Matthew 26:28. And let's all believe God's word in Acts 2:38. Then, and only then, are we keeping with the biblical example of ".... what saith the scripture?" (Romans 4:3).

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