**The Phrase "For The Remission Of Sins"**

By my count, the phrase "for the remission of sins" is found five times in the Bible. Let's go through each case.

Mark 1:4 (also Luke 3:3) John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance **for the remission of sins**.

* first case chronologically
* John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ
* he was the first person to ever baptize
* his baptism was "for the remission of sins" - meaning those he baptized received forgiveness of their sins from God when they were baptized

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many **for the remission of sins**.

* perhaps the most critical case
* describes Jesus dying for our sins
* I Cor 15:3 puts it this way - "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures"
* Jesus paid our sin debt - Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

* this is similar wording to John's baptism
* New Testament baptism is "for the remission of sins"
* this phrase is the same in the English and in the Greek as Matt 26:28 – and everybody understands that Jesus shed His blood “in order to obtain” the remission of sins in Matt 26:28 – why not the same here?
* since both passages are true - the conclusion should be that Jesus' blood remits our sins when we are baptized

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God;

* the immediate context of this verse shows God forgave Old Testament saints of their sins based upon the upcoming death of Christ
* kind of like you can go ahead and eat your groceries before you actually pay for them - if you charge it