

Wipe Out; Acts 3:19

I. Wipe Out

- A. A song by the Surfaris, later redone by the Beach Boys
 - 1. It comes from the idea of crashing, or “wiping out” while surfing
 - 2. It also refers to other kinds of crashing
- B. It was also the title of a TV show that aired from 2008 - 2014
 - 1. It was billed as the largest obstacle course (at the time)
 - 2. It was designed to make contestants “wipe out”
- C. Acts 3:19 (ESV); Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

II. Repent

- A. To change one’s mind, feel remorse, be converted ¹
- B. Peter had just healed the lame man at the gate Beautiful and continued on to Solomon’s Portico
- C. Acts 3:12–15 (ESV); ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.
- D. They had denied the Christ — specifically at the time when they released Barrabas instead of Jesus (Luke 23:14-16)
 - 1. Peter said they must change their mind, feel remorse, be converted (believe that Jesus is the Christ)
 - 2. This was a requirement in order for their sins to be “blotted out”
 - 3. Luke 13:1–5 (ESV); ¹ There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”
 - 4. Here, Jesus is speaking of sinful behaviors — eating blood being one of them (the Mosaic Law specifically bans eating blood, Leviticus 17:14)
 - 5. Jesus specifically condemns sinful behavior — they will perish because of it
 - 6. Jesus is talking about spiritual things and refers to a spiritual, eternal death
- E. Repenting — changing your mind about Jesus, about sin — is a must!
- F. If not, we will perish — eternal death

III. Blotted Out

- A. To wipe out, to erase
- B. Not like a pen or pencil eraser, where there is a residue of the lead or ink
- C. There is no residue of sin left on you!

¹ William Arndt, Frederick W. Danker, and Walter Bauer, A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 640.

1. Psalm 51:2 (ESV); Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
2. Psalm 51:7 (ESV); Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
3. Psalm 103:12 (ESV); as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
4. Colossians 2:13–14 (ESV); ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.
5. Romans 6:6 (ESV); We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

D. Washed, cleansed

1. 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (ESV); ⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
2. 1 John 1:7 (ESV); But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

IV. The blood of Jesus

- A. Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin
- B. His blood washes us clean so that we are pure and holy
- C. Acts 22:16 (ESV); And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'