

REPENT,
BELIEVE,
CONFESS,
BAPTIZE,
FAITHFUL

GOSPEL



JESUS PREACHED REPENT

MATTHEW 4:17

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

LUKE 13

³ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did

8. Revelation 2–3 (spoken by Jesus after resurrection)

Jesus continues to command repentance to the churches:

- **Revelation 2:5** – “Repent and do the works you did at first.”
- **Revelation 2:16** – “Repent, or I will come to you quickly.”
- **Revelation 3:3** – “Remember... repent.”
- **Revelation 3:19** – “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; therefore be zealous and repent.”

These are **Jesus speaking directly** to the churches.

THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- / . to change one's mind, i.e. to repent
- // . to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

Additional information from the Outline of Biblical Usage: "Repentance (*metanoia*, 'change of mind') involves a turning with contrition from sin to God; the repentant sinner is in the proper condition to accept the divine forgiveness." (F. F. Bruce. *The Acts of the Apostles* [Greek Text Commentary], London: Tyndale, 1952, p. 97.)

Apostles Preach Repent

PETER

³⁸ Peter said to them,
“**Repent** and be
baptized every one of
you in the name of
Jesus Christ so that
your sins may be
forgiven, and you will
receive the gift of the
Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

PAUL

²⁰ but declared first to
those in Damascus,
then in Jerusalem and
throughout the
countryside of Judea,
and also to the gentiles,
that they should **repent**
and turn to God and **do**
deeds consistent with
repentance.

Acts 26:20

PAUL

³⁰ While God has
overlooked the times
of human ignorance,
now he commands
all people
everywhere **to**
repent,

Acts 17:30

JOHN THE BAPTIST

⁸ Bear fruits that are deserving and consistent with [your] repentance [that is, conduct worthy of a heart changed, a heart abhorring sin]. And do not begin to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father; for I tell you that God is able from these stones to raise up descendants for Abraham.

⁹ Even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees, so that every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.

¹⁰ And the multitudes asked him, **Then what shall we do?**

¹¹ And he replied to them, He who has two tunics (undergarments), let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do it the same way.

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they said to him, Teacher, **what shall we do?**

¹³ And he said to them, Exact and collect no more than the fixed amount appointed you.

¹⁴ Those serving as soldiers also asked him, **And we, what shall we do?** And he replied to them, Never demand or enforce by terrifying people or by accusing wrongfully, and always be satisfied with your rations (supplies) and with your allowance (wages).

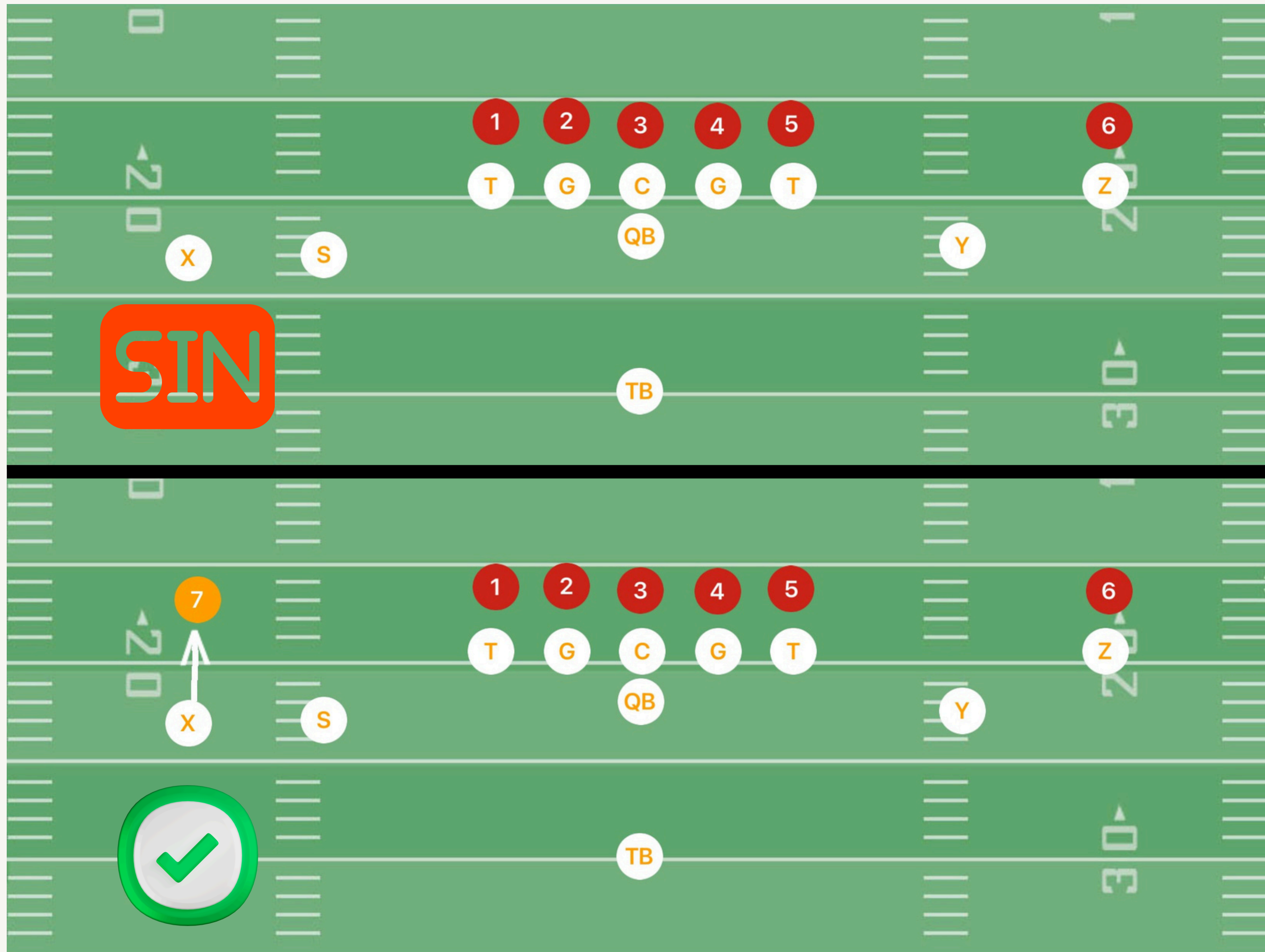
Luke 3:8-14 AMPC

An illegal formation in football is less than **7 men on the line of scrimmage**.

Imagine **ALL Sin** is an *illegal formation*.

In order to be legal and move forward a change has to happen. The offense has to move one man on the line of scrimmage.

Repentance is making a change!



Believe

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that **everyone who believes** in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ **Those who believe** in him **are not condemned**, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

John 3:16-17



Confess Jesus

Jesus's Command

³² Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

³³ But whosoever shall **deny me before men**, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33 KJV

Apostle Paul To Church At Rome

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 KJV

Did Not Confess

Pharisees Cast Out Anyone Who confess Jesus

²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed **that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.**

John 9:22 NRSV

Chief Authorities Believe but No Confession

⁴² Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue, ⁴³ for *they loved human glory* more than the glory that comes from God.

John 12:42-43 NRSV

Born of Water & Spirit



*3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water** and of **the Spirit**, **he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.***

John 3:3,5 KJV

*When Jesus was baptized in **WATER**, the **HOLY SPIRIT** came down upon Him.*



*After Jesus tells Nicodemus about being born of water and Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God we see some verses down that Jesus and His disciples were baptizing people. Many of the Pharisees rejected John's Baptism. **Luke 7:29-30***

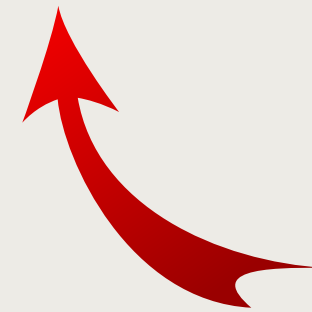
Water & Spirit for Salvation



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**.

Acts 2:38 KJV

Peter says to **repent** and be **BAPTIZED** **for the forgiveness of sins** and receive the **HOLY SPIRIT!**



16 He that **believeth** and **is baptized** shall be saved; but he that **believeth not** shall be damned.

Mark 16:16 KJV

Baptism Saves



*21 And **baptism**, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

1 Peter 3:21 NRSV

5 he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the **water of rebirth** and **renewal by the Holy Spirit**

Titus 3:5 NRSV



He did it by means of the **mikveh of rebirth** and the renewal brought about by the **Ruach HaKodesh**,

Titus 3:5 Complete Jewish Bible

Faithful Servant

Faithful leads to entering in the Kingdom

²⁰ And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

²¹ His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:20-21 KJV

Faithful will rule with Jesus

⁴² And the Lord said, Who then is that **faithful** and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

⁴³ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

⁴⁴ Of a truth I say unto you, that **he will make him ruler over all that he hath**.

Luke 12:42-44 KJV

Definition of Faithful

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. trusty, faithful
 1. of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties
 2. one who kept his plighted faith, worthy of trust
 3. that can be relied on

πιστός, πιστή, πιστόν (**πείθω** (which see)) (from Homer down), the Sept. mostly for **יָדָן**;

1. **trusty, faithful**; of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties: **δοῦλος**, Matthew 24:45; Matthew 25:21, 23; **οἰκονόμος**, Luke 12:42; 1 Corinthians 4:2; **διάκονος**, Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 1:7; Colossians 4:7; **ἀρχιερεύς**, Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 3:2; of God, abiding by his promises, 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 1:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Hebrews 10:23; Hebrews 11:11; 2 Timothy 2:13; 1 John 1:9; 1 Peter 4:19; add, 1 Corinthians 4:17; Colossians 4:9; 1 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 3:5; 1 Peter 5:12;