

“EVERY ONE OF YOU.”

When the murderers of Christ cried out on the day of Pentecost, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, EVERY ONE OF YOU.” I shut out no one of you; for I am commanded by my Lord to deal with you as it were one by one, by the word of his salvation.

OBJECTION. But I was one of them that plotted to take away his life. May I be saved by him?

PETER. *Every one of you.*

OBJ. But I was one of them that bore false witness against him.—Is there grace for me?

PET. For *every one* of you.

OBJ. But I was one of them that cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” and desired that Barabbas the murderer might live rather than he. What will become of me, think you?

PET. I am to preach repentance and remission of sins to *every one* of you, says Peter.

OBJ. But I was one of them that did spit in his face when he stood before his accusers. I was also one that mocked him when in anguish he hanged bleeding on the tree. Is there room for me?

PET. For *every one* of you, says Peter.

OBJ. But I was one of them that in his extremity said, “Give him gall and vinegar to drink.” Why may not I expect the same when anguish and guilt is upon me?

PET. Repent of these your wickednesses, and here is remission of sins for *every one* of you.

OBJ. But I railed on him, I reviled him, I hated him, I rejoiced to see him mocked by others. Can there be hopes for me?

PET. There is, for *every one* of you. “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.”

Oh what a blessed “EVERY ONE OF YOU” is here. How willing was Peter, and the Lord Jesus by his ministry, to catch these murderers with the word of the gospel, that they might be made monuments of the grace of God. How unwilling was he that any of these should escape the hand of mercy. Yea, what an amazing wonder it is to think that above all the world, and above every body in it, these should have the *first* offer of mercy!—From Bunyan’s “*Jerusalem Sinner Saved.*”

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