

# “The Times Of Refreshing”

**Introduction.** In Peter’s sermon after the lame man was healed in Acts 3, he presented Jesus as the One the Jews had unjustly killed but God had raised to life. Peter knew they had done it out of ignorance. The prophets had foretold these events.

Then in v. 19 Peter made it personal. He exhorted them to repent and return to a path of righteousness. It is at this point that one enters into a new and better life. “To wipe away” is taken from the practice of creditors charging their debtors, and when the debt is paid, the record is canceled or blotted out, removed from the record. The records were written on tablets covered with wax, and when the stylus was inverted, the wax was smoothed again, thus removing every trace of the writing.

The “times of refreshing” were seasons of refreshment. The word occurs only here in the New Testament, and it means cooling or reviving with fresh air. The kindred verb, to “grow cold,” is found in Matthew 24:12.

The CEV says, “The Lord will give you fresh strength.” Repentance produces spiritual enjoyment as justified individuals are given the chance to feel the sweetness of God’s grace in Christ Jesus. This refreshment works on you from a number of different angles which we will now observe.

## ***A Refreshed Mind***

Faith

*John 20:30-31*

### **Carnal**

*Romans 8:6*

### **Spiritual**

*Romans 8:6*

## ***A Refreshed Affection***

God’s Love

*1 John 4:19*

### **Love of World**

*1 John 2:15-17*

### **Love of God**

*Matthew 22:37*

## ***A Refreshed Will***

Repentance

*2 Peter 3:9*

### **Man’s Ways**

*Proverbs 14:12*

### **God’s Ways**

*Isaiah 55:8-9*

## ***A Refreshed Allegiance***

Confession

*Matthew 10:32*

**Dominion of Sin**

*James 4:4*

**Dominion of Christ**

*Matthew 16:16*

***A Refreshed Relationship***

Baptism

*Romans 6:1-5*

**Child of the Devil**

*Matthew 13:38*

**Child of God**

*Galatians 3:26-27*

***A Refreshed Citizenship***

Translation

*Colossians 1:13-14*

**Kingdom of Darkness**

*Acts 26:15-18*

**Kingdom of Christ**

*1 Peter 2:9*

***A Refreshed Name***

New Birth

*John 3:3-5*

**Sinner**

*Romans 5:8*

**Christian**

*Acts 11:26*

***A Refreshed Vocation***

Obedience

*Ephesians 4:1*

**Serve Sin**

*Romans 6:16*

**Serve Righteousness**

*Romans 6:17-18*

***A Refreshed Destiny***

Judgment

*2 Corinthians 5:10*

**Hell**

*Matthew 25:41*

**Heaven**

*Matthew 25:34*

**Conclusion.** When Peter said, “that He may send Jesus Christ” in v. 20, he was referring to the second coming of Christ. The “restoration of all things” will be the revelation of the “new heavens and new earth” for all the righteous people (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1). We are living in the days of heaven receiving Christ. The end will be marked by Christ’s return (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

Are you in need of refreshment? A refreshed, renewed man has new views, new motives, new principles, new purposes, and new plans in their life. If you are ready for the times of refreshing, where you will be changed from a sinner to a saint, then come forward while we give you the opportunity as we sing.