

The Confession of Sin

Our Reminders for this Series

1. Sin is a _____ that all people share. However, the Bible tells us how to properly _____ with our sin. *David is an example of that!*

2. After we have sinned and _____ it appropriately, life will never be the same, but it can be _____!

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Psalm 51:2-3

² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Confession

1. To acknowledge sin and guilt in light of God's revelation.
2. To say the same thing about sin God does (i.e., to agree with God).

A lack of confession:

Produces _____ that is _____ by God.

Invites the _____ of God. *Psalm 32:3-4* ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Confession

1. Restores a right _____ of _____. (v. 1)
 - True confession _____ to God for His _____.
Do you think you _____ to be _____?
 - Asks God to act according to His character - not His _____ and _____, but rather His _____ and His _____.
Am I looking for forgiveness so I can _____ better or for God's _____?
2. Invites God to _____ our sin (v. 2-5)
 - Asks God for _____.
 - Understands the _____ of our _____.
 - _____ the entirety of sin. *C.H. Spurgeon* - "When we deal seriously with our sin, God will deal gently with us."

3. Trusts in God for _____ over sin. (v. 6-7)
 - When God makes us _____ we are thoroughly _____.
 - We cannot be _____ without confession.
 - David does not ask for _____, he asks for _____! *C.H. Spurgeon* - "The hypocrite is content if his garments be washed; but the true suppliant cries, 'Wash me!'"
4. Allows God to heal the _____ of our relationship with Him (v. 8-12)
 - David asks God to _____ and _____ what only God can _____ and _____.
 - a. _____ - a pure heart.
 - b. _____ - right spirit.
 - c. _____ - presence / Holy Spirit.
 - d. _____ - joy of salvation.
 - e. _____ - willing spirit.
5. Gives us the _____ to help others (v. 13-15)
 - Allows others to learn from our _____.
 - Allows us to _____ of the great _____ God has shown us!
6. Reveals God's _____ (what He really wants). (v. 16-17)
7. Recognizes our sin has _____ more than _____ us.
 - Bless the "_____ " my sin has hurt. (v. 18-19)

Remember:

_____ costs us _____, does more _____, and lasts _____ than we could ever imagine.

Conclusion

Confession has four elements:

- "God have _____!" - Do you think you deserve to be forgiven?
- "God make _____ right." - Do you understand the enormity of your sinful condition?
- "God make _____ right." - Do you know how your sin has strained your relationship with God?
- "God make _____ right with _____." - Do you know how your sin has strained your relationship with others?