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## Do You Spend all of Your Time Confessing Your Sins?

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and told his disciples to preach repentance and remission of sins. **Luke 24:37** John the Baptist came preaching repentance and remission of sins and baptized those he preached to in the River Jordan confessing their sins. **Mark 1:4-5. 1 John 1:9** says "If you confess your sins He is faithful to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. These verses have led us to believe that the gospel is centered on sin and confessing our sins. If you are like I was, you have repented saying I am sorry for the sins I have committed, I will put my trust in you. From that point, you spend the rest of your Christian lives continually saying, "I am sorry, I am sorry, I am sorry," continually repenting of every thing that your guilty conscience brings up, and yet it never really eases the conscience and the continual battle over guilt. We have been deceived by religion and have slipped back into the Old Testament mentality.

Hebrews says that Jesus purges our conscience from dead works. We should not be occupied with the battle over a guilty conscience.

*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

*And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*  
**Hebrews 9:14-15**

The word repentance means the realization of guilt with a change in direction. We have tried to change the way we act. We have tried to control our sin nature. Under the law, that was impossible to do and its followers walked in continual condemnation. All of the "sorry's" in the world could not change their actions.

*For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me*  
**Psalms 40:12**

Hello Family & Friends,  
February is here already and many through out the US and the world will be celebrating Valentines Day. A time in which we can express to that "special loved one" just how much you love and care for them. Sometimes we find ourselves needing to ask for forgiveness from this person before they will accept our "expressions of love" for them. That brings me to this month's newsletter topic on Confession of Sins. How many times do you think it takes for you to confess your faults/shortcoming/sins to God before you feel like He has fully forgiven you? Let's look at what God's word teaches us about this subject. We pray that it will bless and inspire you.

*God Bless You*

*Your Friends,*

*Mickey  
and  
Suzan*



The direction change that comes with repentance is not what you keep from doing, but who you are looking to. Isaiah chapter 40 [the chapter that foretells the work of John the Baptist] makes this very evident. It starts out by telling him to tell the people that their warfare over the sin issue is over. But, it is not just the first few verses that tell of John's works and proclamations, the whole chapter deals with this. When John says, "What shall I cry," in verse 6, the scriptures go on to say, tell them that the flesh is weak, but by the power of God not one shall fail.

*The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the  
goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:  
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:  
Isaiah 40:6-7*

#### **Isaiah 40:26-30**

*. . . he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.*

A careful look into 1 John 1 gives us a different picture than the one that religion has given us concerning "confessing our sins." **1 John 1:6-9** says that if we have fellowship with God and yet we walk in darkness we lie and are not walking according to truth. The word fellowship, according to Strong's Concordance, means intimacy in communication, or in other words, having the "same mind." If our thinking is according to God's thinking, we will walk in the light or the truth of his word.

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1Jn 1:8,10*

We agree with God: We have a weakness issue in our flesh that we can not control.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1Jn 1:9*

The word "confess," means covenant (an agreement between two parties). We agree with God, "We have a sin issue that we can't solve, but we are looking to you." In other words, we agree with what you have done for us. When we say that, forgiveness comes. We have this mindset that forgiveness means that God was holding something against us, but now He is not. Forgiveness, according to Strong's Concordance means to send away or release, in other words, He releases the feeling of condemnation (remission). It is not God that is condemning us. We are condemning ourselves! If we look to Him and walk according to His truth, freedom from condemnation will come! *God is not sin conscious, and he does not want us to be. He wants us to be "God conscious!"*

*For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.  
This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord,  
I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;  
And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

**Hebrews 10:14,16,17**

*Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number:  
he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. Isaiah 40:26*

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