

LESSON 3 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. "

1. Man is a triune being (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

a. It is the spirit of man that is born-again when we receive Christ (John 3:6)

(1) Something must be done with our body and mind (Romans 12:1-2)

2. The Christian life is one of growth and development (1 Peter 2:2)

a. Even the Apostle Paul struggled against sin (Romans 7:19-20)

(1) There's a war going on inside of us (Galatians 5:16-17)

3. So, what is sin (Romans 3:23 & 1 John 3:4) and how do we deal with sin? (1 John 1:5-10)

a. Harmetia-missing the mark, suggesting inability, the absolute inability of man to measure up to God's moral standard

b. Anomia-not merely doing that which is unlawful by the standards of men, but flagrant disobedience to a known law of God

c. Emphasis: After we have become children of God, sin breaks our fellowship with God, not our relationship! (1 John 1:6-7)

(1) God is not counting our sins against us (2 Corinthians 5:19)

d. Because Jesus has made provision for the sin problem (2 Corinthians 5:21 with 1 Peter 2:24)

e. But, we must confess our sins, and maintain fellowship with God (1 John 1:9)

4. Some more good news

a. Not just forgiveness, but cleansing too! (1 John 1:9)

(1) God is changing us (2 Corinthians 3:18)

(a) And he won't stop changing us until Jesus returns. (Philippians 1 :6)

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WORKSHEET

1. What is God's desire for us according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23?
2. What is one thing we should keep, or guard, ourselves from? (1 John 1:9)
3. When we confess our sins, what two attributes (characteristics) does God demonstrate toward us? (1 John 1:9)
4. When we confess our sins, what two actions does God demonstrate toward us? (1 John 1:9)
5. How could our life become "shipwrecked" concerning faith? (1 Timothy 1:19)
6. According to Psalm 15:2, name three things that will help us remain stable in our Christian walk.
7. How long will God work in our lives to bring about changes? (Philippians 1:6)
8. What kind of changes is the Holy Spirit making within us? (2 Corinthians 3:18)
9. What must be done with our body and mind after we are saved? (Romans 12:1-2)
10. What kind of struggle is going on inside of us? (Galatians 5:16-17)

PERSONAL REFLECTION: List three changes "from glory to glory" that you have experienced since being born again.