

Penitential Psalm closes with this truest description of Christian experience = Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart." vs 11

☰☰ Psalm 27 shows the how, why... the Christian's experience is "rejoicing in the LORD."

➡➡➡ It is only when a person engages the cycle of Acknowledged Guilt, Confession to God, and God's forgiveness regularly that they have this "blessedness... joy"

Do You?

## ① Acknowledged Guilt

☰☰ David acknowledges real, objective, actual

- ☑ Transgression
- ☑ Sin
- ☑ Iniquity
- ☑ Deceit

} illustrated by David's Sin w. Bathsheba + Uriah

Which resulted in real, subjective, actual  
body + soul anguish, groaning, drought

vs. 3-4 For when I was silent my  
bones wasted away...

Is this experience only for those who believe  
in a God, LAW, moral absolutes...?

No! Literary examples, Dostoyevsky Crime +  
Punishment, Franz Kafka, The Trial ... etc.

Joe's "atoning" for an abortion

→ No joy if no acknowledgment of guilt!

② Confession to God

☐☐☐ I acknowledged my sin to God

☑ Takes personal responsibility I/my sin

☑ To Holy God; Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Righteous Judge

I did not cover my iniquity vs.  
covering your tracks!


I said, "I will confess my transgression  
to the LORD"

### ③ God's Forgiveness

☰☰ And you forgave the iniquity of my sin  
Cf. "Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity"

vs. 1-2

How? How can God the "Righteous Judge" forgive? David of adultery + murder? Me?

1. Every sin against another person is first + foremost against God + incurs debt of judgment, death + damnation.  
*Psalm 51:4, Romans 6:23*
2. Jesus, Son of God, lived flawless life + you should have lived + on cross  takes your debt + dies the death you should
3. When you Acknowledge sin, Confess, God forgives sins + counts Jesus righteous life to your record *Romans 4:1-7*

Do? Go to God in Prayer, Acknowledge + Confess Sin; don't be like a horse or mule w/o understanding; trust God vs. 7 and rejoice in Him being a hiding place, shouts of deliverance, steadfast love surround  
DO THIS REGULARLY ▶ Joy St. Augustine