

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

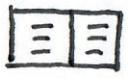
vs. 3-4 For when I was silent my
bones wasted away...

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 "atonement" 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 surrounds DO THIS REGULARLY ► Joy St. Augustine