

Confident Christian Living #3 | Confidence through Confession

1 John 1:5-2:2 | 06/04/2023

Introduction: In our scripture reading there was a word mentioned nine times. That word was _____.

Although sins do not cause God to revoke salvation, they do hinder our fellowship with Him.

Isaiah 59:2 *but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.*

Let's look at three ways people deal with sin:

I. Some _____ Sin—1:6,8,10

A. By lying to _____—1:6

Many Christians masquerade spiritually. Proverbs 28:13 says, *Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

B. By lying to _____—1:8

It is really difficult to help someone who has convinced themselves of a lie.

When a person stops lying to themselves—he will say with King David, *“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.”*(Ps. 51:5).”

II. _____ Sin—1:9

Confession involves the naming of specific sins, and saying the same thing about them that God says.

Confession of sin is vital because it brings a cleansing, or a restoration of fellowship and it renews confidence in the Christian based upon Christ's atoning work.

A. We confess sin through our _____, Jesus Christ—2:1

Revelation 12:10 tells us Satan accuses us day and night, but Jesus is our advocate, that is, one who comes to our defense.

B. God forgives His children based on the _____ of His Son—vs 2:2

The blood of Jesus bought your forgiveness on the day of your salvation, and it is effective on your behalf today! Sin brings defeat and discouragement. But, repentance and confession bring joy.

Luke 15:18 *I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."*

III. _____ Sin—2:1

No one will finally conquer sin until Heaven, because no one is sinlessly perfect. But, God's desire is that we would sin less and less as we grow more and more. We will experience victory as we...

A. Walk in the _____—1:7

Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

B. Die to _____

Romans 6:7-11 *For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Conclusion: The Bible tells us that if we confess our sin, God is faithful to forgive and cleans us. Then we can have a close, prosperous, growing relationship with our father.

Perhaps you've been covering up as a Christian, and you need to come to do some confessing, and restore fellowship.