

Preparing Ourselves for the Lord's Supper

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Message Truth:

Each of us who will please God must confess our sin to Him continuously. We discover our need for confession as we read God's Word and relate to others. We confess by praying as the Holy Spirit convicts. Christians who maintain personal purity before the Father and abide in Christ must begin each and every day freshly confessed. We can ask God's forgiveness with confidence that He will hear our prayer and forgive our sin. This confidence should make us more willing to pray prayers of confession and not less. We confess private sin to God alone; but we should confess our public sins by acknowledging them to any and all who may have witnessed them.

Message Text:

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:27-28

1. Self-e_____

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2. C_____ my sins

⁹ If we confess our sins, He (Jesus) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

¹⁰ ...we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10

Three Biblical Pictures of Sin's Forgiveness



¹⁸ Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. ¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:18-19

¹⁷ ...In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back. Isaiah 38:17

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

CONFESS: to "speak the same thing, to agree"

Subjects of Confession

- Confess the _____
- Confess Jesus as _____
- Confess _____
- Confess _____
- Confess your _____ in Christ
- Confess _____
- Confess _____
- Confess _____

Reasons to Believe Sin is Forgiven

- Scripture _____
- Scripture _____
- Christ's blood _____
- Forgiven people _____

Steps in Confessing Sin

Psalm 51

A Model Confession of Sin

Wrongs to Confess

Transgressions (*acts of revolt or rebellion, choosing your own way; v.1*)

Iniquity (*moral crookedness or perversity; v.2*)

Sin (*to miss the mark, failure to measure up to God's standards; v.2*)

Evil (*wickedness; v.4*)

Things to Ask God to Do

Be merciful (v.1) Blot out the transgression (v.1)

Wash and cleanse (v.2) Purge (v.7)

Deliver from guilt (v.14) Open your lips (v.15)

Changes to Expect/Request

- To know wisdom (v.6)
- To be cleansed whiter than snow (v.7)
- To hear joy and gladness so you can rejoice again (v.8)
- To receive a clean heart (v.10)
- To receive a right spirit (v.10)
- To know once again the joy of God's salvation (v. 12)
- To have a willing spirit (v.12)

- A _____ the sin was committed
- R _____ or turn from the sin
- A _____ God's forgiveness

3. Re-c _____

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1

4. Restoring r _____

²³ Therefore, if **you** are offering your gift at the altar and there **remember that your brother has something against you**, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

¹⁵ **If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you.** If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. Matthew 18:15

¹ Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; Psalm 32:1-6