

“IF we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 KJV



Notice the preemptive condition to God's Forgiveness in the text; IF. Forgiveness is freely and faithfully given...IF; so it behooves us to diligently explore the details required to obtain it. Confess, at its core, is to admit to the truth. In this instance the Truth is God's Word. "Confess our sins" precludes any excuse or reason. It also includes every sin. "Sin is the transgression

(breaking) of the Law (God's Word/Truth)." Men are sinners by birth. "For all have sinned." That is the first confession we must make. "I am a sinner." Secondly, which are my sins? To wit, "Which Laws have I transgressed?" Recognizing individual sins in their entirety and admitting to the Truth is essential to confession. It is not enough that "I" search my heart for sin, but that I study God's Word with a desire to obey it. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee." The desire to obey God comes from a love for God; born of the realization that "He first Loved [me] and gave His Life a ransom for many." When Jesus was dying you were on His mind! Thirdly, confession must be inseparably paired with repentance. Repentance is a return to obedience of God's Word. Desire is the fulcrum of the lever of choice, and focus the force that applies it. I choose that on which I focus and desire. My focus, what I think, is my choice and thoughts proceed from one of three places; myself, God, or Satan. Yes, Satan can and will whisper evil by and through whatever is readily available, including your own lust; and, while he cannot read your thoughts as God can, your body language and words make you an open book; which is why we must know and desire to know Truth that it might free us from the snare of evil. "Our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy Sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer." I can know what is acceptable to God if I desire it, but it must be the delight of my soul to know God. "Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." What are your heart's desires and from where do they come?

If I admit to Truth above,
My Lord forgives me out of Love,
He bore the whip and spikes in Hand,
So aye forgiven I could stand! –CGP

God is faithful whether you believe or not! "If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful; He cannot deny Himself." You WILL spend eternity in hell if you reject God. Disobedience is the rejection of God. In contrast, you WILL spend eternity in Heave if you obey God. He has "Commanded men everywhere to repent." God is always Just, because He is always Righteous and Holy. His Justice will Forgive your sin IF you confess it for Jesus' Blood has already satisfied God's Wrath for "Whosoever believeth in Him." Whosoever includes you!

“And He is the Propitiation (atoning Sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments.” 1 John 2:2-3 KJV