

Some Aspects Of Confession

By Mike Riley

Personal or public sin is never easy to confess because of pride or ego — but it is necessary in order to get our lives right with God (Isaiah 59:1-15). The following are some aspects of confession that we may or may not have thought of:

Confessing sin necessarily constitutes personal action — It's not difficult to say, "We all sin" or "he sinned" — the hard part is when we personally must say, "I have sinned" (1 Samuel 15:24; Psalm 51:4). When the known sin pertains to the individual, personal confession is demanded. Notice David's confession in Psalm 51 when he says, "my transgressions" (Psalm 51:1 NKJV), "my iniquity" (Psalm 51:2), "my sin" (Psalm 51:2-3).

Confession of sin is specific — To say, "If I have done anything" is easy — but it simply is not confession of specific sin. An individual who is unsure whether he has sinned or not, should find out. Until he knows and admits his sin, he can make no real confession. Any "if" confessions are a farce. The one confessing must say, "I have sinned" — no doubt about it. David was definite — "my sin is ever before me" (Psalm 51:3) — and he knew what specific sin it was that needed confessing.

Confession addresses the one who has been sinned against — Acceptable confession occurs when the individual who lies, goes to the man he injured and says, "I lied about you" — that is true confession. A dozen times down the church aisle would be easier, but it is not acceptable. Confessing to the church will not replace it.

David knew this principle when he stated to God, "Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight" (Psalm 51:4). If an individual has sinned against God; he must confess to God. He may need to confess his sin to the church, but not before he confesses it to God.

If an individual sins a public sin against the congregation where he is a member, and he moves to another congregation, he cannot properly confess his sin at the new congregation. He must return to his former congregation where the sin took place, and ask for the forgiveness of that sin.

Confession of sin anticipates a plea for forgiveness — A man may admit his meanness — in fact, he may even be proud of it. This is not the Bible brand of confession. A man who seeks no pardon is not confessing sin. Again, notice the confession of David — "Have mercy upon me, O God Blot out my transgressions" (Psalm 51:1).

Confession is good for the soul — Because eternity is in view (Matthew 16:24-27), but for many, true confession becomes extremely difficult because of pride and ego.

When we willingly confess our sins before the Lord, He is always eager and ready to forgive us of our sins (Psalm 32:5; Psalm 86:5; Proverbs 28:13; cf. Luke 15:11-24; 1 John 1:9).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

7/11/21

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Gary Harris **Lord's Table-** Rick Cook
Opening prayer- Paul Simpson **Closing Prayer -** David Reppond

July 18th

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson
Opening prayer- Charles Fricke **Closing Prayer -** Lyle Russell

- Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**
- Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer.

Announcements

—**Gospel Meeting:** The Goodwill Church of Christ is hosting a Gospel Meeting July 11-14th. Please see the flyer posted in the lobby for all the details.

—**New Church Website:** Check out our new church website at www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com

—**Childrens Bulletins:** There are now bulletins available for the kids. Be sure to pick one up for each of your children.



Dates to Remember

July 18 - Potluck after AM services

July 24 - Fish Fry at 4 PM

August 1 - Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

Please Pray For:

Clyde Wilson, Jimmy Binford, Jordan Hendrix, Trey Jennings, Bobby Fletcher, Jean Delukie, Bobby Green, Rita Huffstutter, Sonya George, Tony Jones, Michael Dement, Carolyn Jones, Eloise Smith, Kara Freeman, John McDaniel.

Bereaved: Families of Marshall Sanders, Robert Steed, Elizabeth O'Connor, Ronnie Dennis, Shirley Traylor.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Dinky Douglas, Cyndi Powell, Betsy Culp, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Cindy Jenny, Gay Black, Adam White.

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Epistles (Sunday)	The Law (Monday)	History (Tuesday)	Psalms (Wednesday)	Poetry (Thursday)	Prophecy (Friday)	Gospels (Saturday)
□ Col 1-2	□ Lev 13-15	□ 2Ki 6-10	□ Ps 81-83	□ Prov. 10	□ Ezek. 25-30	□ Luke 19-20



July birthdays

3 -Carol Granger 16 -Angelec Brannon
4 -Jansen Chisley 19 -Debbie Cook
5 -Lilly Delaney 20 -Ronnie Hayes
6 -Paul Simpson 22 -Ethel Ross
6 -Mary Wyatt 23 -Randy Manning
9 -David Reppond 31 -Whitney Chapman
12 -Oddie Cameron

July anniversaries

21 - Billy and Carol Granger
28 - Wayne and Dana Fowler
30 - Don and Jean Delukie

