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GRACE

*through Confession
and Repentance*

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and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession and Repentance

- Naming sin honestly before God
- Receiving God's forgiveness and peace
- Turning toward new obedience through the power of Christ.

Psalm 32:3–4 (KJV) — 3 When I kept silence,
my bones waxed old through my roaring all
the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was
heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the
drought of summer. Selah.

Now and onward till the close of time the people of God should be more earnest, more wide-awake, not trusting in their own wisdom, but in the wisdom of their Leader. *They should set aside days for fasting and prayer. Entire abstinence from food may not be required, but they should eat sparingly of the most simple food.*

John 3:20 (KJV) — 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Psalm 51:3 (KJV) — 3 For I acknowledge my
transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Leviticus 5:5 (KJV) — 5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing:

ὁμολογέω (homologeō)

Same or like speaking

Genesis 3:12 (KJV) — 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:13 (KJV) — 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

1 Samuel 15:24 (KJV) — 24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

2 Samuel 12:13 (KJV) — 13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

Psalm 32:5 (KJV) — 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

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he is **faithful** and **just** to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hebrews 9:14 (KJV) — 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Romans 8:1 (KJV) — 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Micah 7:19 (KJV) — 19 He will turn again,
he will have compassion upon us; he will
subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all
their sins into the depths of the sea.

Isaiah 1:18 (KJV) — 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Psalm 51:12 (KJV) — 12 Restore unto me
the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with
thy free spirit.

Matthew 5:23–24 (KJV) — 23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Confession of sin, whether public or private, should be heartfelt and freely expressed. It is not to be urged from the sinner. It is not to be made in a flippant and careless way, or forced from those who have no realizing sense of the abhorrent character of sin. The confession that is the outpouring of the inmost soul finds its way to the God of infinite pity. The psalmist says, “The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” Psalm 34:18. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 37.4)

2 Corinthians 7:10 (KJV) — 10 For godly sorrow
worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of:
but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (KJV) — 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Titus 2:11–12 (KJV) — 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Genesis 20:1–3 (KJV) — 1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. 2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

Genesis 20:4–6 (KJV) — 4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? 5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. 6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

John 8:36 (KJV) — 36 If the Son therefore shall make
you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Romans 6:16 (KJV) — 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

