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 names sin — Often sin is renamed, and the crime reduced. This is a common practice in civil law. The criminal can admit to a misdemeanor rather than the felony he actually committed. However, this tactic is not allowed in God's court. We cannot confess to "hurting someone's feelings" when we have actually slandered a man. The idea of "accidentally" misrepresenting the facts or "exaggerating" won't suffice when, in fact, we lied. Confession names sin (1 Samuel 15:24-25).

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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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 worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell
Opening Prayer- Rick Cook
Communion- Wayne Fowler
Closing Prayer- Paul Simpson
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Travis Rogers
Opening Prayer- Ronnie Hayes
Communion- Rick Cook
Closing Prayer- Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Veteran's Home Program:** Our next Veteran's Home event will be held on **November 17th at 2:00 PM** and will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 2:00 PM. If you would like to be part of this amazing program, please see Sandy VanLoon or Kari Johnstone.

—**Ruston Student Center:** On November 8th the Ruston Student Center will be conducting our AM Services.

—**Check the Bulletin Board:** Several Gospel Meetings and Ladies' Days are happening in our area. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for more details.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

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Please Pray For:

Brenda Fricke, Katie Matheny, Andy Wheeler, Nickolas Simpson, Jolene Coffey, Vee Boren, Louvenia Dickson, Latonya Robinson, Toshia Bearden, Betty Sue Thompson, Michael Fox, Phillip Simmons, Christy McDaniel, Lee Brantley, Debbie Jones.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Joanie Franklin, David & Elaine Reppond, Joyce Frith, Terry Atwood, Rhonda Rogers, Blayne Atkins, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Arthur & Sybil Binford, Dan Ross Jr., Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Family of Bess Baker.





November Birthdays

3 - Elaine Reppond
3 - Mesha Thomas
5 - Glenda Wells
8 - Brad Smith
9 - Raelyn Freeman
9 - Sydney Rogers
11 - Tommy Wells
13 - Susie McGough
20 - Dana Fowler
24 - Jerry Woods
25 - Dan Ross Jr.
28 - Dena White
30 - Kaleb Johnson
30 - Ayden Richardson

November anniversaries

17 - Buddy and Carlon Hollis
18 - Randy and Kathy Manning
21 - Travis and Rhonda Rogers

