

Soul Care
Part 3: Getting Right with God
Psalm 51:1-12

Caught!

SIN

- The Wrong words we say
- The Wrong behavior we do
- The Bad thoughts we have
- The Bad attitudes we get
- The Good behavior we don't do

ALL in VIOLATION of God's Word--ALL Sin is DISPLEASING to God

SINNERS by Nature: Genesis 3 & Romans 3

SIN atoned for by Jesus Christ: John 3:16; Romans 5:8

Christians still SIN

Obvious SINS & Hidden SINS

A Proverb on SIN: The closer Christians get to a Holy God, the more unholy they realize they are

Confession: openly & honestly agreeing with God about your SIN

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Basics of Psalms

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Author: David

Life Situation: For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Genre: Penitential Psalm (expressing sorrow for sin)

Focus: a heartfelt prayer of confession to God seeking forgiveness & reconciliation

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OBSERVATIONS

- David realized that God knew about his sin
- David realized he had hurt his friendship with God
- David knew God is merciful, gracious, loving & forgiving
- David knew God had the authority & power to forgive and restore

What about you?

Three Lessons

#1 Be aware of the severity of your SIN and need for

vs. 1 & 2: 3 sets of synonyms

God's Character: Merciful, Faithfully

Loving (*Hesed*), Compassionate

David appealed to God's character

Wrongdoing: transgressions, iniquity, sin

David realized the severity of his sin

Appeal: Blot out (erase), Wash away (scrub thoroughly), cleanse (purify on the inside)

David realized his need to be forgiven

#2 Openly & Honestly _____ Your Sin to God

v. 3

I know: an emphatic admission of sin

My Transgressions/My Sin/Always before Me-- I sinned, I was wrong, I did it

Note: transgressions (plural)

v.4 a violation of God's Law is a violation of God Himself!
David's confession and God's witness proved his guilt beyond any doubt
No Denial-No Blame shifting-No Minimizing (note word: EVIL)
vs. 5-6

#3 Believe and Receive Forgiveness & _____ from God

vs. 7-12

Cleanse me with Hyssop: a branch from a hyssop shrub dipped in blood and sprinkled as a means of cleansing from contamination

(The Law: Leviticus 14 & Numbers 19-corpse & lepers)

Wash me: scrub thoroughly

David cried out to the Lord to forgive, restore and be made into a new person--David longed to be reconciled with God

GOOD NEWS: 1 John 1:8-9—it's safe to confess your sins

Confession is Good for The Soul-when you get away with God, you begin with Confession