

4. ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:9

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9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

What does God want you to do about your sins?

- God wants us to confess our sins

What does it mean to confess?

- Uncover it
- Acknowledge it!
- Be honest!

In His act of forgiving us, how is God described?

- God is faithful and just

What else does God do when you confess your sins?

- He cleanses / purifies from all unrighteousness [from the wrongs we have done]

“IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS”

1. *Read 1 John 1:8, 10. What did John say you should recognize about yourself*
 - If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves
 - God’s Word emphasizes the permeating and penetrating nature of sin
2. *What should be your attitude toward sin?*
 - *Psalm 139:23 – 24*
 - Ask God to examine me and lead me on the right road
 - *Psalm 38:18*
 - Confess my guilt; I am troubled by my sin

3. *What should accompany your confession of sin according to Proverbs 28:13*
 - If you hide your sins, you will not prosper

“HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE . . . AND PURIFY”

4. *How is God described in Psalm 86:5*
 - God is so good; ready to forgive; so full of unfailing love for all who ask His help
5. *According to Ephesians 1:7, on what basis are you forgiven?*
 - We are set free by the blood of Jesus
 - In Christ we have redemption
6. *What does Hebrew 10:12 say about Christ’s sacrifice?*
 - Christ’s sacrifice is complete
7. *Read Hebrews 10:17. Why is it foolish for you to continue to feel guilty about sin?*
 - God no longer remembers our sin
8. *According to Ephesians 4:32, what should be your attitude toward those who have offended you? Why?*
 - Our attitude should be one of kindness, compassion, understanding, forgiveness, just as Christ forgave you