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- 1 Timothy 6:12-13 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

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- **Acts 8:35-37** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” 37 Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, **“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”**

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- Romans 10:9-10 that **if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.** 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

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- **1.** “To confess, declare, admit,” (*Vine’s*)
- **2.** “To confess by way of admitting oneself guilty of what one is accused of, the result of inward conviction,” (*Vine’s*)
- **3.** “To declare openly by way of speaking out freely, such being the effect of deep conviction of facts.” (*Vine’s*)

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- “to confess forth,” i.e., “freely, openly,” is used (a) “of a public acknowledgment or confession of sins,” (*Vine’s*)

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- Mark 1:5 Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, **confessing** their sins.

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- **Matthew 3:5-6** Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him 6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, **confessing** their sins.

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- Acts 19:18 And many who had believed came **confessing** and telling their deeds.

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**The Christian Must Meet Certain Conditions
To Be Forgiven Of Sin.**

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Hear — Rom. 10:17

Believe — Mk. 16:15-16

Repent — Acts 17:30

Confess — Rom. 10:10

Be Baptized — Acts 22:16

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- **Acts 8:13** Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.
- **Acts 8:22-24** Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.” 24 Then Simon answered and said, Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me.”

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- **1 John 1:6-9** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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- **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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- Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

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- **Acts 22:16** And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

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- **1 John 1:7-9** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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What Does It Mean To Confess Our Sin?

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- **Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.**

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- **1 Timothy 5:24** Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.

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- **Deuteronomy 3:25-27** I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.' 26 But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: 'Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.

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- **Micah 6:6-8 With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?**

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- **Luke 17:10** So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”

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- **Colossians 2:23** These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

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To Whom Shall We Confess Our Sin?

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- **1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

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- **1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**

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- **Psalm 51:1-4 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight-- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.**

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- **Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

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- **Matthew 18:15** “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

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- **Matthew 5:23-24** Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

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- **Titus 2:5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.**

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- **1 Timothy 5:14** Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

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**False Ideas And Wrong Practices Regarding
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