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## Personal Confession of Sin

Do we have to ask for forgiveness for our sins, or not? That's an important question.

There are 2 extremes in the way this question is answered:

1. Grovelling sinners – The majority of Christians in the world would most likely fit into this group. They have been taught that they are “dirty rotten sinners” and no one can shake them out of it. These by the way are usually bible-believers who have been taught that this is who they are. No one has corrected them and told them the good news (Jesus' Gospel of the Kingdom) that their sins have already been paid for. They don't know that it's crucifying Christ all over again when they take this position.

**Hebrews 6:6** (AMP) – *...it is impossible to bring them back again to repentance, since they again nail the Son of God on the cross [for as far as they are concerned, they are treating the death of Christ as if they were not saved by it]...*

2. Oblivious libertines – A small group know that Jesus died for every sin (past, present and future) and they are quite prepared to ignore their sins because they are happy with what he did for them. These don't necessarily commit sins because they are covered by the blood,<sup>1</sup> they just ignore them as they consider them already dealt with.

There is middle ground between these two, but the important point is that both are based on truth. We cannot consider ourselves “dirty rotten sinners” as this is an offence to our King. We must consider our sins dealt with because we are a holy people, a royal priesthood<sup>2</sup>, consecrated (sanctified)<sup>3</sup> to the work of the Kingdom.

From accessing the courts of Heaven we have learnt that all sins need to have been repented of and forgiveness sought, otherwise, the enemy can accuse us. This means that the spiritual authority over the enemy that Jesus gave us<sup>4</sup> is conditional on us being free of unconfessed sin.

With regards to spiritual authority, unconfessed sin isn't something that we should be ‘full’ of. As sons, we are to administrate our lives, which includes our spiritual lives. So, whenever there is sin, as sons, we realise that this is an offence to Father, so we acknowledge them before him, or before our King. We then turn away from them to his way of doing/saying things (i.e. repent), we ask him to change us from the inside out, and we ask his forgiveness. This is the normal process of the Kingdom life. We don't have to see sin as a stain on our lives that's like a permanent stain in a fabric that we can't get rid of, and which erks us every time we see it or remember it. Sin is a natural consequence of living in the natural and in the world system, but sons deal with it, preferably as soon as it is detected.

Sin in our lives doesn't make us weaklings. We don't lose our sonship because of our sins. And remember, sin is anything that deviates from Father's will – everything, even faithlessness<sup>5</sup>. So if you even say something he doesn't want you to say, then basically that's sin. Why? Because sin by definition means to ‘miss the mark’. (It's an archery term in NT Greek.) So when we miss Father's standard in absolutely any way, we've actually sinned.<sup>6</sup> But, we can't go ‘round focussing on our sin, because we are sons, covered by the blood of Jesus. We are sanctified, so we don't need to focus on sin. Focussing on it distracts us from our tasks at hand, from our Kingdom assignments and responsibilities.

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1 – Romans 6:14-16

2 – 1 Peter 2:9

3 – 1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11

4 – Luke 10:19

5 – Romans 14:23

6 – Sin is different to iniquity or transgression



Unconfessed sin makes us vulnerable to the enemy. He knows we have weaknesses in any area we have been tempted in and given in to. He knows us very well (or else his minions know us), so he/they are always looking for our weaknesses. Part of the benefits of confessing sin quickly is to strengthen ourselves. Done properly, it allow the Lord to change us from the inside-out so we don't have those weaknesses in the long term.

So it's important to bear in mind the example of unconfessed sin in the courtrooms of Heaven. If we have sin, the enemy knows them and he can accuse us of them. Those personal, mental accusations can distract us from our work for the Kingdom. They can also lead us into depression and even to the point of giving up our faith because we don't consider ourselves perfect<sup>7</sup>.

There's a balance. Sin is best dealt with immediately so the enemy has no grounds, or less opportunity, to destroy us, which is his aim. If he can't destroy us, he'll side-track us. One of the side-tracks is pondering on sin, which is actually a religious activity.

**CONCLUSION:** Our spiritual authority over the enemy must be used wisely, not foolishly – it's not to be used *carte blanche*. Willy-nilly 'binding the devil' courts disaster if we have unconfessed sin which provides legal access to the enemy into our lives. Many have become sick because sin is not confessed. We know this because they recover once they have confessed and asked for forgiveness. This is why we need to judge ourselves rightly.<sup>8</sup>

**“REPENTANCE IS NOT THE WAY TO GOD’S LOVE.  
GOD’S LOVE IS THE WAY TO REPENTANCE.”<sup>9</sup>**

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7 – See Matthew 5:48 as the source of accusation

8 – 1 Corinthians 11:30-31

9 – Ron McGatlin (29-3-2018) “Exploding Love” ([www.openheaven.com/2018/03/28/openheaven-com-digest-march-29-2018](http://www.openheaven.com/2018/03/28/openheaven-com-digest-march-29-2018))