

Confession from a Kingdom Perspective

Confession is not a hard concept to understand. The problem for everyone is that the reality of it disagrees with what religion teaches us. We were all taught that confession is about telling someone our sins because we're wanting to repent as a result of feeling sorry and bemoaning our sinfulness (what is known falsely as 'repentance'¹). That's not it.

So where did that false theology come from? From Roman Catholicism, way back in history, and we still believe it. As Mike Parsons stated:

*"Then a whole system develops over confession. You can't be forgiven unless you confess your sin and repent of your sin. Then he will forgive you. That is completely false. It's a Latin understanding from the Latin confessional."*²

This relates to The Sacrament of Penance, commonly called the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Sacrament of Confession. While private penance was first found in the penitential books of the 8th Century, the beginnings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the form of individual confession as we know it now, can be traced back to 11th Century.³

That speaks volumes!

Protestants know that believers don't need to confess to a priest to get absolution. Jesus is our High Priest, so they confess their sins to him.

Is that what confess really means? Do we have to tell Jesus our sins every day? Do we have to tell him every single one of them – even the minuscule ones?

The answer to that is, "NO!" That's as much a fallacy as confessing to a Catholic or Orthodox priest.

You must get the full impact of this reality to understand confession. That is: Almost everything we think, do or say is a sin, because it doesn't come up to the holiness of the Trinity.⁴ BOOM!

Father knows that, so he made a way for us to have that burden taken away. That's what Jesus' death on the cross accomplished for us. We don't have the pressure to live a perfect life weighing us down, because Jesus' death brought us sanctification – we already are holy in Father's sight. There's no need to scrupulously check ourselves and tell him our sins on an endless basis. Sinlessness is included in our identity as sons. Now that's a revelation.

Mike Parsons goes on to say:

*"Well, I'm not confessing I'm a sinner. I'm not confessing my wrong identity, when I'm the righteousness of God in Christ and he's made me righteous. I'm confessing my righteousness...The word 'confess' there means 'to agree with' and 'profess' that agreement. So what you're really saying is, "I agree that I'm forgiven. I agree with God's forgiveness." And then you enter into that, which then changes any mindset you have which is based in condemnation, and restores your mind to the true position, which is righteousness. Guilt makes us feel unrighteous. Where in reality, we've been made righteous. We didn't do it ourselves. He didn't make us righteous, just because we earned it, by performing some sort of works or whatever. He made us righteous, because he justified us. Therefore, it's as if we never did anything wrong – ever. And we never lost our identity. But most people live in lost identity and religion actually thrives on actually expressing that lost identity."*⁵

1 – canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Repentance-from-a-Kingdom-Perspective.pdf

2 – Mike Parsons (2022) "God's Emotions" www.youtube.com/watch?v=q27Qi3UMv5Q [8:03-8:14]

3 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacrament_of_Penance#History

4 – "What Really is Sin?" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/What-Really-is-Sin.pdf

5 – TRANSCRIPT: Mike Parsons (2022) "God's Emotions" www.youtube.com/watch?v=q27Qi3UMv5Q [8:27-9:40]
{Edited to remove extraneous utterances so it reads correctly}

So what does confess and confession really mean?

Ἐξομολογέω (ἐξομολογέω) is the Greek NT word translated as ‘confession’. It means ‘to agree’⁶, coming from the Greek understanding of ‘to properly, fully agree and to acknowledge that agreement openly (whole-heartedly)’. The word is connected with the Greek word ἐξομολογῆσεται (ἐξομολογήσεται) ‘to profess’ which has within it’s meaning, ‘to celebrate’ and ‘to give praise to’.⁷ Also ‘to consent’.⁸

Simply put, confession means to agree with the Father’s mind. In other words, we are agreeing with what he thinks about something.

Confess/confession is as simple as that. Full stop!

In regard to 1 John 1:9, that means we agree with Father that our sins are forgiven, that they are “covered by the blood”. Therefore, when we confess like this, it’s another way we align with him, as he keeps telling us to.⁹

Therefore, what we need is to be deconstructed, deprogrammed and reprogrammed

To help you understand what you need to know about having our mind deconstructed, deprogrammed and reprogrammed, watch this short 7-minute teaching:

WATCH: Mike Parsons “Deconstruction and Renewal” youtu.be/U5LkKXf4bRs

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

6 – biblehub.com/greek/1843.htm

7 – SEE: Philippians 2:11; Revelation 3:5

8 – SEE: Luke 10:21

9 – SEE MESSAGE: “What is Our Plumblineline – 16-2-2022”

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