

Confession of Sin

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Andrew Murray emphasizes the importance of sincere confession of sin as a means to experience God's forgiveness and live in victory over sin.

Scripture: Psalm 32:5, 1 John 1:9

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Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes the critical importance of sincere confession of sin in the Christian life, arguing that superficial confessions hinder spiritual growth and victory over sin. He references David's experience in Psalm 32, illustrating the relief and deliverance that comes from honest acknowledgment of wrongdoing. Murray encourages believers to trust in God's faithfulness to forgive and cleanse them from unrighteousness, highlighting that true confession involves handing over guilt to God and relying on His power for deliverance. He reassures Christians that through confession, they can experience a deeper fellowship with Jesus, who saves them from their sins.

Transcript

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:9.

Too often the confession of sin is superficial, and often it is quite neglected. Few Christians realize how necessary it is to be in earnest about the matter, or feel that an honest confession of sin gives power to live the life of victory over sin. In fellowship with the Lord Jesus we need to confess with a sincere heart every sin that may be a hindrance in our Christian lives.

Listen to what David says, "I acknowledge my sin unto thee... I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin... Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance..." Psalm 32:5-7. David speaks of a time when he was unwilling to confess his sin. "When I kept silence... thy hand was heavy upon me." (Psalm 32:3,4). But when he had confessed his sin, a wonderful change came.

Confession means not only that I confess my sin with shame, but that I hand it over to God, trusting Him to take it away. Such a confession implies that I am wholly unable to get rid of my guilt, but by an act of faith I depend on God to deliver me. This deliverance means in the first place that I know my sins are forgiven, and secondly, that Christ undertakes to cleanse me from the sin, and keep me from its power.

O Christian, if you are seeking to have fellowship with Jesus, do not fear to confess each sin in the confident assurance that there is deliverance. Let there be a mutual understanding between the Lord Jesus and yourself that you will confess each sin, and obtain forgiveness. Then you will know your Lord as Jesus Who saves His people from their sin. Believe that there is great power in the confession of sin, for the burden of sin is borne by our Lord and Savior.

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