

The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine

Total Forgiveness and the
Confession of Sins—Part One

Confession of Sins in Time Past

- Last week we saw how sin affected the prayer life of the nation Israel. God would not even hear their prayers when they were disobeying the law.
- For Israel the confession of sins was both a private as well as corporate matter.
- Psalms 32:5—Individual Confession of Sins
- Daniel 9—Corporate Confession of sins for the entire nation of Israel.

Our Total Forgiveness

- Should we confess our sins today in the Dispensation of Grace?
- Ephesians 1:3-7—two of the spiritual blessings we have in Christ are redemption and the forgiveness of all our sins.
- Ephesians 4:32—God has already forgiven us. What are you going to confess that you have not already been forgiven of?
- Colossians 2:13—notice the past tense if you have trusted the shed blood of Jesus Christ as the only total and complete payment for your sins you have already been forgiven of all trespasses.

The Doctrine of Parental Forgiveness

- Many believers believe that the believer's relationship with God is eternal based upon the cross. However, sin in the life of the believer can cause a loss of fellowship with God.
- Therefore we need to be careful that we are not out of fellowship with God.
- Parental Forgiveness—placed into the family of God which you can never be taken out of; however, sin causes a break in your fellowship with God.
- Therefore, we need to confess our sins so that forgiveness can be granted and fellowship restored.

Viewing Ourselves the Way God Does

- I Corinthians 1:9—Our fellowship is not based upon anything we do. Rather it is based upon the faithfulness of God.
- We need to view ourselves that same way God does.
- **Saved**—from eternal punishment
- **Forgiven**—forgiven of all our sin
- **Justified**—possessor of God's very righteousness
- **Indwelt and Sealed**—by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption
- **Complete**—perfect and complete lacking nothing
- **Seated**—with Christ in the heavenly places
- **Joint Heir**—all that is Christ's is ours
- **More Than Conquerors**—we are not a bunch of sorry defeated sinners. We are saints of the Most High God.

What Should I Do When I Sin?

- **Grace It!**
- Apply the cross and move on.
- Titus 2:11-13