



SERMON NOTES

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“Confession & Repentance”

1 John 1:5-10, Psalm 139:23-24, James 5:13-16

⁵*This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

⁸*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*

1 John 1:5-10 (NIV)

²³*Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

²⁴*See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.* Psalm 139: 23-24 (NIV)

¹³*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

James 5: 13-16 (NIV)

Church Renewal: Confession & Repentance

Definitions:

Renewal: an increase in freedom.

Freedom: more capacity to give God access & experience more of God.

Confession:

Repentance:

Why do we still need to confess our sins if we are saved?

How does confession & repentance lead to more freedom & victory & image bearing?

Practicing confession & repentance

- cultivate a teachable heart
- confess sins out loud
- repentance

What are some barriers that keep us from practicing confession & repentance?

- cultural barriers
- fear
- we like our sins