

“HE IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE”

Series: “Life Changing Verses,” part 5 of 8
Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 5:00 pm and
Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Big Idea: If you’re a real Christian who’s repentant of your sin, there is no reason for you to allow the past to paralyze your power in the present.

Text: 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

I. WHEN CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT THEIR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AS SOON AS THEY ASK, DOESN'T THIS _____?

Does 1 John 1:9 encourage sloppy living? No, it encourages confident living because you know God’s safety net of grace is there to catch you.

1 Corinthians 15:9

“For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

Ephesians 3:8

“Although I am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

1 Timothy 1:15

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.”

II. SHOULD I _____ AS I GROW IN CHRIST?

You may never be sinless, but you should sin less.

1 John 2:1-2

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

III. WHERE DOES _____ PEOPLE COME IN?

Sin should generally be confessed within the _____.

James 5:16

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

Psalms 51:1-4

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

IV. IF I DON'T FORGIVE OTHERS WILL GOD _____?

Matthew 6:15

“But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

We never earn our forgiveness, but a forgiving spirit is one important sign of a forgiven person.

V. WHAT IF I CONFESS MY SINS BUT I DON'T _____?

You accept forgiveness by faith, _____.

Psalms 103:12

as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalms 32:5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, “I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD”—
and you forgave
the guilt of my sin.