

# The Gift of Confession and Repentance

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## Song of Songs 2:7, 3:5 & 8:4

I charge you: do not stir up or awaken love until the appropriate time.

It's not uncommon to "stir up" or misuse things in our life. When we do, the consequences can be significant. God has given us the gift of confession and repentance to restore and grow us in our relationship with Him and others.

*The primary Greek word for "**confess**" is homologeo meaning, "to say the same thing" or "to agree, admit, acknowledge."*

Psalms 39:3-5 When I refused to confess my sin my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. <sup>4</sup> Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. <sup>5</sup> Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Psalms 51:1-4 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

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.

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

**"Repentance** ...that inward change of mind, affections, convictions, and commitment rooted in the fear of God and sorrow for offenses committed against him, which result in outward turning from sin to God in all of life."

-Evangelical Dictionary of Theology by D.J. Treier p.741

## **Repentance In The New Testament:**

**John the Baptist:** Luke 3:8 "bear fruits in keeping with repentance."

**Jesus:** Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Luke 13:3 "But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Luke 15:7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

**After Jesus - Peter & Paul:** Acts 3:19 "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord"

Acts 17:30 "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice"’s likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

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