

CONFESSION OF PERSONAL SIN (Part 1)

Request: "This is the first church I have ever attended that made confession of personal sin an issue. Could you explain it to me?"

It is true that many are challenged by (1 John 1:9). It bothers many that John and not Paul taught on it. But remember that the Millennial Age also bothers them for the same reason (Rev.20). However, John is the last writer of the canon of Scriptures (2 Tim.3:16). He is like the clean-up hitter with bases loaded for the win for the Canon (1 John 1:1-4) [Read]

This lesson will study four aspects of Confession of Personal Sin.

1. Our lesson text is (1 John 1:8-9). However, the greater context is (1 John 1:5-2:2).

The greater context is divided into a Greek Apriori Argument of four parts.

John's Thesis statement (Apriori message) "This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."

NOTE: The underlined, **God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all** is to be applied to all three parts. And note also that the next three parts begins with "If we say." It presents the doctrinal problem. But watch for the second (3cc) [Maybe we will, maybe we won't] for the solution.

(1 Jn.1:6)

Doctrinal problem: If (3cc) [Maybe we will, maybe we won't] **say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness – we lie and no divine truth is in us.**

(1 Jn.1:7)

Doctrinal solution: But If (3cc) [Maybe we will, maybe we won't] **walk in the Light – we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. Cleansing from sin is 1 of 9 communion factors of grace salvation** ([50 Things](#)).

(1 Jn.1:8)

Doctrinal problem: If (3cc) [Maybe we will, maybe we won't] **we say that we have no sin (Old Sin Nature / the Flesh) – we are deceiving ourselves – no truth in us.**

(1 Jn.1:9)

Doctrinal solution: doctrinal solution – (if) confess our sins – He is faithful and righteous to forgive and cleanses (katharizo) restores to fellowship and walking in Light.

(1 Jn.1:10)

Doctrinal problem: If (3cc) [Maybe we will, maybe we won't] **we say that we have no sin (Old Sin Nature / the Flesh) – we make Him a liar – His word is not in us.**

(1 Jn.2:1-2)

Doctrinal solution: If (3cc) [Maybe they will, maybe they won't] **anyone sins – we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous – He Himself is the propitiation of our sins; and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world (Rom.3:23-26; 1 John 4:9-10).**

- Confession of personal sin in CWL is for fellowship with the Godhead (1 Jn.1:3, 6).

2. **Every member of the human race is born in Adam under 13 judicial charges resulting from his original sin. (AOS) (1 Cor.15:22; Rom.5:12-21; 6:16-23). SEE [50 Things Free](#)**

When any unsaved member of the human race believes that Jesus died for his sins, was buried and raised from the dead on the third day, he is saved by grace through faith (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

He is transferred from a position in Adam to a position in Christ (Acts 26:18; Col.1:13-14; 2 Cor.5:17).

3. At the moment of grace salvation, the **blood of Christ cleanses** the believing one from both the curse of Adam's sin (AOS) and any personal sin, now having a new positional IN Christ rather than IN Adam. (2 Cor.5:17; Gal.3:26-28).

(1 John 1:7) "But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses (**katharizo/ p.a.ind.3ps**) us from all sin." (Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:3)

(1 John 2:2) "And He is the propitiation for our sins; **and not ours only**, but also for those of the whole world."

The [13 judicial charges of AOS](#) are removed forever (Rom.5:12-21; Gen.2:17; Rom.5:16). This is called positional sanctification truth (2 Cor.5:17).

4. **The problem is that the Church Age Believer (CAB) still has an OSN, their 'Flesh' to contend with, but he / she is no longer in a 'slave-master' relationship because of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Rom.6:12-23; 7:5, 14-25; 8:4-11).**

Personal sin is the result of walking in the flesh, submitting to the lusts of the Old Sin Nature, rejecting the known Will of God, resulting in being out of fellowship with the Godhead (Relationship Issue) and walking in 'Darkness' rather than In the 'Light', being Carnal rather than Spiritual. (Gal.5:16-17; 1 John 1:5-7).

The work of being cleansed from personal sin is extended to the Carnal Believer through confession of sin based on the Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. (1 Cor.3:1-3; 1 John 1:9; Gal.5:16-17; James 1:14-15).

Confession is not spirituality. It is faith (Rom.10:17; 1 John 1:9) and it is a choice (volitional).

(1 Jn.1:9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of one's personal sin, acknowledging to your Heavenly Father that you have chosen to violate His Directive Will (1 Jn.1:9) is to access His Grace Provision (Promise) to forgive you of that sin (based upon Christ's Work on the Cross) and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (any other sin that you may not be aware of) and to restore your fellowship [Relationship] with God. Now, having been honest with your Heavenly Father, you are once again "walking in His Light" – because of His Grace, Love and Desire to fellowship with you.

Remember the thesis of Greek apriori argument: “This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**” (1 John 1:5)