

Confessing Our Sin

1 John 1:1-10 **That** which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of **the Word of life**;

(2) (For **the life** was manifested, and we have seen **it**, and bear witness, and shew unto you that **eternal life**, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

(3) **That** which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

(4) And **these things** write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

(5) **This then is the message** which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

(6) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

(7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

(8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

(9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1. **Vs 1-2: Interacting with Christ:** He is (from the beginning) the **Word of Life** – heard, seen, looked upon, handled, witnessed of, manifested, declared.

2. **With the goals of:** FIRST (vs3): Fellowship with who? _____.

SECOND (vs4): What? _____.

3. Vs 5: What does the Word of Life communicate to us? God is _____, and in him is
(are you in fellowship?)

no _____ at all.
(are you out of fellowship?)

If we say:	If we do:	Then we are:
A. Vs 6:	Vs 6:	Vs 6
B.	Vs 7:	Vs 7:
A. Vs 8:	Vs 8:	V 8:
B.	Vs 9:	Vs 9:
A. Vs 10:	Vs 10:	Vs 10:

Drilling down on VS 9.

- Verse 9 is a difficult passage to argue emphatically when we compare it to passages like Col 1:14, 2 Cor 5:17-21, 7:1, etc...
- *This verse should be memorized and practiced consistently as you deal with daily sin.*
- Argument: Since our sins are forgiven at Calvary...
Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:
...Why continue confessing what has been forgiven?

It is clear that the penalty for our sin was washed away at Calvary – we are given the very righteousness of God! 2 Cor 5:21, Col 1:14, Rom 4 – 5.

You can see salvation revealed in 1 John 1:1-3.

Vs 9 Context (Vs 4-10) This isn't a discourse about salvation or the washing of sins thru Calvary.

The context clearly deals with: 1. our FELLOWSHIP with God (vs 6) (and other believers! Vs 3)

2. cleansing in our daily WALK (vs 7)

KEY: Calvary pays the penalty of our sin and secures our position in Christ.(from a position *in sin*)

1 John 1:9 must not be pulled out of verses 5-10.

Confession deals with your daily walk and maintains your fellowship with the truth.

You must not only agree with God over your sin – you have a responsibility to vigorously repent of it (2 Cor 6:14-18) and cleanse yourself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit! 2 Cor 7:1-11

Remember Isa 29:13!

Pastor Trotter: We do not want to have the Catholic Church mentality of using 1 John 1: 9 as our Baptist confessional booth – where we say the words of confession, but there is no true repentance from sin in our hearts!

True repentance is stamped all over vs 9 via the context of vs 7! You cannot simply confess without walking in the light! If you confess sin but walk in darkness you have done nothing!

Ex: Paul's converts in Ephesus confessed their sins publicly after they were saved. Acts 19:18.
See also James 5:16

This is how we "judge" our sins to avoid chastening of the Lord! 1 Cor 11:31-32.
Ps 32:5, 38:18, Ps 51, Prov 28:13, etc...