

JOHN'S FIRST LETTER - Part V
"God's Solution to Man's BIG Problem"
Reference: **I John 1:7b-10**
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STEP ONE...is to confess our sin to _____
verse nine (see screen)

The focus from this text is on **verse nine**. Some call this secret confession. This is confession to God, not confession to a man. Confession to a priest is one of Catholicism's seven sacraments called the sacrament of confession, sacrament of penance or sacrament of reconciliation. The Catholic fourth Lateran council in _____ **AD** mandated the practice of the confessing sins to a priest.

References: **I Timothy 2:5; Psalm 32:5** (see screen)

STEP TWO...is to confess our sin _____ that sin has directly affected
Reference: **James 5:16** (see screen)

God's forgiveness exists in two categories: **judicial** forgiveness and **parental** forgiveness.

Definition: **Judicial forgiveness** (also called positional forgiveness) is transacted _____ someone's **salvation** and is forgiveness from God acting as a _____. It results in the legal, judicial forgiveness of someone's sins: past, present and future sins.

Reference: **Colossians 2:13; Romans 8:1** (see screen)

Definition: **Parental forgiveness** (also called relational forgiveness) is transacted _____ someone's **salvation** (post salvation forgiveness) and is forgiveness from God acting as a spiritual _____. It results in the forgiveness of those sins that interrupt someone's experiential and relational closeness to God.

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Three things that should characterize our confession:

- Confession should be _____.

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In both the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) and the Greek New Testament the words "*confess* and *confession*" are translated from the Greek word "*homologeō*." "*Homologeō*" means "to say the _____ thing."
- Confession should be _____.
The word is translated from the Greek word "*metanoia*" and means a change of _____. Reference: **Proverbs 28:13; I John 2:1a** (see screen)

There are three possible things that can happen if we neglect to confess our post salvation sins and permit them to accumulate.

ONE...there's a _____.
Reference: **Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 66:18** (see screen)

TWO...there's a _____.
Reference: **Hebrews 12:5-11** (see screen)

THREE...there's a _____.
Reference: **I John 5:16** (see screen)

There are biblical examples of sins that exhausted God's patience and could be considered sins unto death as all of them resulted in someone's pre-mature death:

Moses (Deuteronomy 34)
_____ (**Numbers 16**)
Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10)
Achan (Joshua 7)
Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
_____ at Corinth (**I Corinthians 11**)