SERMON NOTES

Sunday, February 22, 2015

"PRAYER – DEALING WITH MY SIN"

(Psalm 51:1-17)

In last week's message we said that if you have a relationship with God then your praying should reflect that you love Him. Praise and worship is telling Him so. Today we focus on another aspect of any good relationship. Admitting our faults and failures to God and seeking forgiveness – so that we can have a right relationship with Him.

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, ESV). 1. Forgiveness comes from recognizing _____ (v. 1). 2. Forgiveness comes from desiring a (v. 2). 3. Forgiveness comes from accepting (v. 3-4). 4. Forgiveness comes from seeing the _____ (v. 5). 5. Forgiveness comes from believing _____ (v. 6-9). "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, ESV). What are the benefits of confession? 1. We get a _____ (v. 10) 2. We get the ______ presence and power (v. 11) 3. We get _____ in Him (v. 12) 4. We get ______ on ministry (v. 13) 5. We get _____ worship celebration (v. 14-15) "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7, ESV).

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- 1. Forgiveness comes from recognizing God's greatness (v. 1).
- 2. Forgiveness comes from desiring a changed life (v. 2).
- 3. Forgiveness comes from accepting <u>responsibility for sin</u> (v. 3-4).
- 4. Forgiveness comes from seeing the <u>depths of sin</u> (v. 5).
- 5. Forgiveness comes from believing God's plan (v. 6-9).

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, ESV).

What are the benefits of confession?

- 1. We get a $\underline{fresh \ start}$ (v. 10)
- 2. We get the Holy Spirit's presence and power (v. 11)
- 3. We get <u>joy</u> in Him (v. 12)
- 4. We get <u>blessing</u> on ministry (v. 13)
- 5. We get <u>unhindered</u> worship celebration (v. 14-15)

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