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## EDITORIAL

### CONFESSION

The writers of both the old, and new testaments have made confession a very important factor in obtaining, and retaining salvation.

They make it the basis of our approach unto God.

John in his first general epistle writes "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins; and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Of course he means first of all we must confess our sins to God for all sin is against God. We cannot sin against our fellowman without sinning against God, and we may sin against God without openly sinning against anyone else, for God judges him guilty of sin who has the desire in his heart to do wrong, although he may never have an opportunity to put his evil desire into practice. Jesus said, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." John said, "Whoso hateth his brother is a murderer."

Now if we have sinned against our fellowman and wronged him, the scriptures teach that we must confess our sin to Him, ask forgiveness, and make restitution as far as we are able.

The Psalmist David in his writings also teaches that confession is necessary in order to obtain forgiveness and peace. In Psalm 32 he writes, "When I kept silence my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." Again in order for a Christian to be cleansed from all sin or sanctified wholly, he must confess the depravity of his heart. I have known some persons who knew that they had carnality in their hearts after they were converted, and needed cleansing; but would not confess their need at first, although they sought the Lord in secret to cleanse their hearts; but without success. And only when they did confess publicly their heart need and repented of it, did they by faith touch God, and were cleansed and made whole.

Second we are commanded to confess our faults one to another and pray for one another that we be healed, (see James 5-16.) This form of confession is one which perhaps all Christians will have to do as long as they live if we would keep the approval of God on us. None of us is infallible, hence because of our mistakes or blunders we may often trespass on the rights of others and hurt them. If we do and the matter has been brought to our attention,

and we know that our brother has ought against us, then if we would keep God's blessing on our souls and heal the wound that we have made by our mistakes we will need to confess our faults. The work of God has been seriously injured in many churches because of grievances and hard feelings between members who have wronged one another perhaps unintentionally, and who would not confess their faults. They have lost the joy and glory that they once had that used to overflow in shouts of praise, and while they still hold on to a form or dry profession of salvation it is very obvious that the glory has departed. How the heart of Jesus must be grieved. And only God knows how many souls will be lost in Hell who might have been saved if the professing children of God had been big enough to humbly confess their faults one to the other. Did not Jesus say, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remembereth that thy brother hath ought against thee: leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way: first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Mat. 5:23-24. Beloved how can we expect to have the blessing and joy of salvation and ignore this very plain command of his.

Third we must confess Jesus as our Saviour. He declares, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven". The Apostle also says, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Some folks say can I not be a Christian without making a public profession of the same? In reply I tell them if they are Christians and really love Jesus whose presence in their hearts will be very real and precious: they will want to tell others and thus confess him before men. I have also learned from experience, and observation that in order to keep the glory on our souls we must definitely confess that Jesus sanctifies our souls as well as forgives our sins. Let us keep on confessing.

### BROTHER BROWN AND PASTOR JONES

Rev. C. E. Miller

Good morning, Brother Brown! How are you today?

Mornin', Pastor Jones. Why, pastor, I am well today, but I was sick for two whole weeks, an you nebber once come round to see me; and de doctor came five times.

Well, Brudder Brown, dat surprizes me; but how did de doctor know bout your illness; he lives way cross de city?

Well, pastor, I jes got so bad I got skeered bout it an I sent my son Tom to tell im to come quick, dat I was fraid I was goin ter die.

And Brudder Brown, dat must hab been costly to hab im come so often?

Yes, pastor, he sure did charge nough. Dem doctors know a good bit bout chargin. Why, he jes charged me \$3.00 a trip. I tells you it am costly when a feller has to hab de doctor comin round. He jes charged me \$15.00 fo dem five trips; but it sure was worth all dat to feel one was getting well agin.

So de doctor knowed you was sick cause you sent your son round to tell im you wanted im to come quick. Now de Bible says, "Is any sick let im call fo de elders ob de church". You read dat over in St. James' Epistle to de church. Now, Brudder Brown, you don't call fo your pastor; an since your pastor is not omniscient, an angel, nor a spirit, but a man jes like you, he didn't know bout your illness. If you had

sent Tom to tell im you wanted im to come quick, he would a been dare too; but you didn't want im to come quick, so you didn't send for im, an your pastor didn't know bout your illness and he didn't come round.

Den, Brudder Brown, you was glad to pay de doctor \$15.00 for dem five trips; an our secretary told me you pay \$1.00 a month to de church. You spect your pastor to know you are sick without bein told; you spect im to come bout as often as de doctor comes; den you spect im to come when de family gets sick, an you spect im to come without being called fo; and so on fo de whole 365 or 366 days ob de year; den you spect im to preach regular an not miss a sermon; den you spect im to do all de readin, an writin, an makin reports, etc., dat de conference requires, so your church has a good name in de conference; an you spect im to do all dese fo a whole year, and you gib im de sum of \$12.00 fo a whole year. But yous gibs de doctor \$15.00 fo dem five trips in two weeks. No, Brudder Brown, you must spect it don't cost much to keep up de narrow road to hebbin.

But, nebber mind, Brudder Brown; next time yous all gets sick, jes send for de Rev. Jones an tell im you want im to come quick and help you to get ready fo hebbin, an den Rev. Jones he come round too. Good day, Brudder Brown, I wish you good health fo de rest ob de year.

—Evangelical Messenger.

### JOHN WESLEY

John Wesley was born June 17, 1703, and died March 2, 1791. Among his last words were: "The best of all is, God is with us." He was buried between five and six o'clock on the morning of March 9 from City Road Chapel. He preached over 42,000 times, an average of fifteen times per week. He gave away, during fifty years of his life, \$150,000. He published about two hundred volumes. He never worried. He said: "Ten thousand cares are no more weight to my mind than 10,000 hairs to my head."

Dr. Stevens says of him that he preached the "everlasting Gospel oftener and more effectively than any other man for sixteen hundred years". The last open air sermon preached was from the words: "The kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel". The last sermon preached was on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1791, from the text: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near". His last entry in His account book read: "For upward of eight-six years I have kept my accounts exactly: I will not attempt to do it any longer, being satisfied with the continual conviction that I save all I can and give all I can—this is, all I have."

Hester Ann Rogers, who was present at his death, wrote of the last scene: "The solemnity of the dying hour of that great and good man, I believe will ever be written on my heart. A cloud of Divine presence rested on all; and while he could hardly be said to be an inhabitant of earth, being now speechless and his eyes fixed, victory and glory were written on his countenance and quivering, as it were, on his dying lips. No language can paint what appeared on that face! The more we gazed upon it, the more we saw Heaven unspeakable!"

—Christian Standard.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Prov. 9:10.