

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1441: Is It Necessary to Confess My Sins?

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See:



1. Why is forgiveness not automatic even for a disciple of Christ? What conditions must be met for forgiveness and cleansing? (1 John 1:9)
2. How does understanding the Greek word *homologeō* deepen the meaning of “confession?” How does “saying the same thing as God” change the way we view our sin? (1 John 1:9)
3. How does King David describe the internal consequences of unconfessed sin? What is the difference if we confess our sins like David? (Psalms 32:3-5)
4. Why was it necessary for Nathan to confront King David? What was David’s reaction? What does David’s immediate response teach us about humility and owning consequences? (2 Samuel 12:5-9, Psalm 32:5)
5. What happens to our confessions when we make excuses for our mistakes? How does David’s response show the difference between excuse-making and true confession? (Psalms 32:1-5, 2 Samuel 12:13-20)
6. If God already knows everything, why does He ask us to confess our sins to Him? What does confession accomplish in us? (Hebrews 4:12-16, Proverbs 15:3)
7. How does the contrast of light and darkness help us understand why confession is necessary for fellowship with God? (1 John 1:5-10)
8. What’s the different between confessing our sins to God (Greek: *homologeō*) and confessing sins to one another (Greek: *exomologeō*) What unique benefits come from each? (1 John 1:9, James 5:16)
9. What is the difference between regret and true repentance? Which one describes your usual response to sin, and how can you move toward genuine repentance? (Matthew 11:21, Luke 22:61-62)
10. How can you be sure that you are truly “saying the same thing” as God about your sin What steps can help you stop minimizing or justifying it?