

1 John #5

Confession & Forgiveness

I – What is Confession?

A – Generally used of agreement

1 – John 1:20

2 – Acts 23:8

B – In contrast to the previous verse

II – What do we Confess?

A – Sins are acts of lawlessness

1 – 1 John 3:4

2 – 1 Cor 6:18

3 – Rom 14:23

B – Sins are the result of a process that can be thwarted

1 – James 1:15

2 – Rom 6

3 – James 4:7

III – When do we Receive Forgiveness?

A – When we Believe the Gospel

1 – 1 Cor 15:3,4 (the Gospel)

2 – Acts 10:43; 13:38

3 – Heb 10:18

4 – 1 John 2:12

B – Provided for by Christ's work

1 – Propitiation

a – 1 John 2:1

b – Heb 2:17

c – Rom 3:25,26

2 – Substitution

a – 2 Cor 5:21

IV – What is the purpose of confession?

A – Already cleansed from sin

1 – Heb 1:3

2 – 2 Pet 1:9

3 – 1 John 1:7

B – Other cleansing can occur

1 – 1 John 1:9

2 – 2 Cor 7:1

3 – James 4:8

C – Returning from carnality to being Spiritual

1 – 1 Cor 3:1-3

2 – John's purpose in chapter 1