

Psalm 51:1-9
I Have Sinned

What's gone wrong with this world? ...with my life?

2 Samuel 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die." 15a So Nathan went to his house.

- David offers a few words of genuine repentance.

- (negatives)

Sinning runs from His love...

Hiding sin ignores His love...

+ (positives)

Confessing sin trusts His love...

Confronting sin is best done in His love...

Trust God's pursuit and discipline as loving.

Be lovingly honest like Nathan.

Be humbly approachable like David.

Thus For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Psalm 51:1

Be **gracious** to me, O God, according to **Your lovingkindness**;
According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.

1. Forgiveness is made possible by His grace & lovingkindness.

Psalm 51:3 For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.

4 Against You, You only, **I have sinned**
And done what is evil in Your sight,
So that You are justified when You speak
And blameless when You judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,
And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

2. Confession is necessary because of an inner reality.

Psalm 51:7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be **clean**;

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and **gladness**,

Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.

9 Hide Your face from my sins

And blot out all my iniquities.

3. Being cleansed from sin and being glad to be out of sin
go hand in hand.

KING —> Conviction —> Contrition —> Consecration

KING

CONVICTION: recognition of guilt

CONTRITION: the state of feeling remorseful

CONSECRATION: the action of surrendering to God's will

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1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

2 Corinthians 7:8 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— **9** I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. **10** For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but **the sorrow of the world** produces death. **11** For behold what earnestness this very thing, this **godly sorrow**, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

Sin:

- * must be identified & dealt with & admonished
 - * must be acknowledged & treated serious
- I must take responsibility, & I must repent

Hate what you did —> By grace, change!

More than a saint is without sin, a saint is with the Savior!