

Introduction Personal Sharing

I John 1:5-10

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his word is not in us. (NIV)

Psalm 32: 5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions [disobedience, offenses] to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Romans 3:22-26

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption [forgiveness] that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement [payment for our sins], through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Acts 22:16

Ananias said this to Paul after Paul turned away from his sin of unbelief and put his faith in Jesus. "And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and wash your sins away, calling on his name."

I Peter 3:21-22

²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

Acts 8:38 - Philip meets a eunuch (servant of a queen) and teaches him the word of God through Isaiah 53 – the prophecy written in 700 B.C. that tells how the Messiah will be crucified and raised from the dead.

And the eunuch gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

Matthew 3:16

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on him.

Romans 6:1-10

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

John 3:19-22

¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Colossians 1:19-23

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to restore to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were separated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has allowed you to make peace with God by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without stain and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been told to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

I John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.