

Hidden Treasures/ Living Truth Bible Studies

BIBLE STUDY 5 CONFESSION, CONVERSION, BAPTISM

CONFESSION

1. How necessary is confession to forgiveness? Proverbs 28:13

2. What follows confession of sin? Psalm 32:5

3. What is the possibility of hiding our guilt? Numbers 32:23

4. What is the consequence if we attempt to hide our sin? Proverbs 28:13

5. What promise is made to those who faithfully confess their sin? 1John 1:9

(Note: After we confess our sins, we are not to keep on dwelling upon them, but to have faith that God has forgiven them.)

6. To whom besides God are we to confess our sins? James 5:16

(Note: While all sins should be confessed to God, only those sins which have directly injured another should be confessed to the person involved).

FORGIVENESS

7. What reason is given for God's readiness to forgive?

Micah 7:18 _____
Psalm 103:10, 11 _____
Isaiah 38:17 _____

8. Why is God longsuffering and why does He manifest such mercy toward me? 2 Peter 3:9

► Romans 2:4; Exodus 34:6, 7

9. In what way did God demonstrate His love to us and willingness to accept us? Romans 5:8

▶ 1John 3:16, John 3:16

10. If we ask forgiveness, will we receive it? Matthew 7:8

11. What tender assurance has God given those who come to Him? Isaiah 49:15

12. What conditions must accompany our seeking forgiveness?

Isaiah 55:7

Ezekiel 33:14, 16

(Note: A confession of guilt, without a sorrow for sin that leads to a turning away from wrong doing, is meaningless. You see, confession is our admission that things are as they are, with shading of facts to cover guilt. Once we clearly understand the nature of the wrong, to refuse to admit or confess that this is the case is to imply that the need for forgiveness does not exist, and so long as this is the case, none is received. Self has many ingenious ways of adjusting reality, in our minds, to alleviate guilt, but only those with open and frank admission of the truth can the forgiveness be received, truly removing the guilt and condemnation; the process is thus repentance, confession, restoration.)

13. In addition to repentance, what else must be present to obtain forgiveness? Matthew 6:14, 15

(Note: By showing an unwillingness to extend to others the same blessing we receive from our Heavenly Father, we show ourselves unworthy of the blessing He desires to give us. ▶ Matthew 18:21-35)

14. What has God promised to do with the sins that we confess to Him?

Micah 7:19

Psalms 103:12

▶ Hebrews 8:12; 10:17

15. What is the condition of those whose sins are forgiven? Psalm 32:1, 2

CONVERSION

16. What importance did Jesus attach to conversion? Matthew 18:3

17. Using different words, how else did Jesus state this truth? John 3:3

18. In order to clarify His meaning, how did Jesus further explain the new birth? John 3:5, 6

19. What takes place in this new birth experience? 2Corinthians 5:17

► Galatians 6:15

20. It is apparent that his change is not a physical one; to what is the Bible referring? Ephesians 4:21-24

► Colossians 3:10; 2Corinthians 4:16

21. What are the differences between the converted and unconverted mind? Romans 8:6, 7

Unconverted

Converted

22. How did David refer to this experience? Psalm 51:10

23. By what power was the original creation wrought? Psalm 33:6

24. Through what power is conversion wrought? 1Peter 1:23-25

► (Note: The power that created the world is the same power that will change us.)

25. What two steps are necessary to make this change? Mark 1:15; Acts, 20:20, 21

26. Upon repentance, what promise is made concerning our sins? Acts 3:19

27. How does the Bible define sin? 1John 3:4

28. **What law is John referring to? James 2:10, 11**

29. **What shows that one is indeed born again? 1John 2:3**

▶ John 14:15

30. **What will be the experience of those born again and living in Christ?
Romans 8:1**

31. **How is this change brought about? 2Corinthians 3:18**

Comment: The born again experience is not a one-time experience brought about by the individual giving a mental assent to the fact that he is lost and in need of salvation; rather, it is the beginning of a new life, a life that is to be found only in Christ, a radical change from the old way of life. By faith, the old man of self dies, and we become a new creation in Christ Jesus, conformed to His image, living according to His will.

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