

Confession and Humility: Recipes for Holiness **Hebrews 3:12-14**

Remembering where you came from: Romans 1:21 “For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened” Outside of Christ, you sinned in everything you did, all the time.

To where you are now: Ephesians 2:4-5 “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...” you still sin as a Christian (Romans 7:18-19), but you now have the ability to NOT sin, and glorify God, because of the work of Christ. Yet sin is still ever present in the Christians life.

To comfort ourselves, we often like to compare our walk with others, and “gauge our holiness” based on how we might be doing compared to someone else, instead of remembering that we sin every day (1 John 1:8).

Dealing with the “little sins”: Our standard should never be to settle for not committing some sort of moral failure. We should be putting maximum effort into fighting against *all* sin in our life (2 Peter 1:3-9, Eph 4:1, Rom 12:1-2) For some, it can be easy to feel like you’re alone in this fight. But God has given us His word for us to trust. **We are not alone, God is with us** (Heb 4:14-16, 13:5-6, Matt 28:20, John 14:16, 2 Cor 3:3-5)

Humility is the key to Holiness: 1 Peter 3:8, Romans 3:21-24 Having a proper understanding of your sin, but in turn, having a proper understanding of the atoning work of Christ in your life.

Fighting for a proper mindset:

- Confession: First and foremost to the Lord (Psalm 51:3-4). God sees all and knows all. (Psalm 139:4, Acts 1:24) But secondarily, having a few people in your life who you can talk to about your struggles and sin (Prov 27:17, Psalm 32:3-4, Heb 3:12-14)
- Look to Jesus: Even though confessing to someone is key to *fighting* against sin, you don't need to confess to any person in order to be *forgiven* of sin. (1 Timothy 2:5)

Worship: Grace Alone (The Modern Post) Speak, O Lord (The Gettys)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7