

Why Confess?

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- Confession is **agreeing** with God.

1. So I can be **purified** from unrighteousness.

1John 1:9

*"If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just and will **forgive us our sins** and **purify us from all unrighteousness**."*

- When we see a sin the way God does, what we **want** changes.

Titus 2:11-12

*"For the **grace of God** has appeared that offers salvation to all people. **12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,"*

2. So I can **promote** healing.

James 5:16

*"Therefore **confess your sins to each other** and pray for each other **so that you may be healed**..."*

3. So I can **prove** Jesus and I belong together.

Matt. 10:32

*"Therefore everyone who **confesses Me before men**, I will also **confess him before My Father** who is in heaven. **33** "But whoever **denies Me before men**, I will also **deny him before My Father** who is in heaven."*

1Peter 4:4

*"**They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living**, and they heap abuse on you."*

1Peter 3:13-15

*"Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? **14** But **even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed**. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.' But in your hearts **revere Christ as Lord**. Always be prepared to **give an answer to everyone who asks you** to give the reason for the hope that you have."*