



# MISSION CITY

## BIBLE CHURCH

**DATE:** Sunday, January 23, 2022

**TITLE:** Abiding Through Confession

**SERIES:** Abide: Pursuing the Presence and Power of God for My Life

**PASSAGE:** Psalm 51:1-19

**INTRODUCTION:** The backstory of 2 Samuel 11-12

The importance of confession:

- A. If I don't confess my sin, then I forfeit mercy and growth in my life (cf., Proverbs 28:13)
- B. If I don't confess my sin, then it leaves me miserable (cf., Psalm 32:3-5)
- C. If I don't confess my sin, then God won't hear my prayers (cf., Psalm 66:18)

**MAIN IDEA:** God gives us a blueprint for how to confess our sins to him and receive mercy.

**Seven steps to confession:**

**1) Appeal to God's \_\_\_\_\_ immediately (v1)**

**EXODUS 34:6-7a:**

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty" . . .

**2) Own your \_\_\_\_\_ completely (v2-3)**

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ yourself unconditionally (v4-6)**

**4) Look to \_\_\_\_\_ quickly (v7)**

**5) Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ thoroughly (v8-12)**

**6) Celebrate your \_\_\_\_\_ gratefully (v13-15)**

**1 JOHN 1:9:**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**7) Grow in \_\_\_\_\_ consistently (v16-19)**

**PRAYER POINTS** (based on Psalm 51:1-19):

**THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD:**

- He is the God of abundant mercy and steadfast love (v1)
- He blots out my transgressions (v1)
- He washes me thoroughly and cleanses me from iniquity and sin (v2, 7)
- He is justified in his words and blameless in his judgement (v4)
- He delights in truth and teaches wisdom in our hearts (v6)
- He creates a clean heart and renews a right spirit within us (v10)
- He restores the joy of his salvation in our lives (v12)
- He delivers us from guilt (v14)
- He is the God of salvation (v14)
- He is worthy of our praise (v14, 15)
- He is worthy of our sacrifices and offerings (v16-19)

**REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- I know you are the God of mercy and love because . . .
- Lord, I praise you for cleansing me from my sin even when . . .

**RESPONSE:**

- Lord, I confess that I've sinned against you by . . .
- Lord, deliver me from the guilt I carry from . . .
- Lord, I completely own my sin of \_\_\_\_, and I ask you to wash me clean

**REQUEST:**

- Lord, create in me a clean heart when it comes to . . .
- Lord, please teach me truth and wisdom in my heart regarding . . .
- Lord, uphold me with a willing spirit so that I will . . .

**READINESS:**

- Father, search my heart and see if there is anything I'm celebrating that I should be confessing . . .
- Lord, when the enemy tempts us to sin, please restore to us the joy of your salvation in our lives . . .
- Lord, when I'm tempted to wallow in my sin, please strengthen me to celebrate my forgiveness in Christ . . .