

# Hard Questions: If I'm already saved, why should I confess my sins?

1 John 1:8-10

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1. At its heart, the Gospel of Jesus provides complete forgiveness of all sin; past, present, & future!
2. The forgiveness God provides through Jesus is comprehensive; it removes all shame, all guilt, all punishment and replaces it with righteousness. (Ephesians 1:6-8, Psalm 103:12)
3. God has much more grace than we have sin. (Romans 5:20)
4. If we continue to confess our sins, because we still fail daily, He is faithful, He will not fail us, He still forgives our sins. (1 John 1:9)
5. Those who are believers, even though all our sins have been forgiven, are natural confessors. (1 John 1:10)
6. There are two kinds of forgiveness. Judicial forgiveness, which was purchased in full by the atonement that Jesus rendered on our behalf, and paternal forgiveness, granted by God, not as your judge but as your Father.
7. Your justification is a fixed reality. Sanctification is dependent on how you deal with sin in your life.
8. Confession involves admitting what we did was wrong, repentance involves changing course. We not only acknowledge our sin, but take steps to reject that course of action
9. When you experience feelings of guilt, do the following:
  1. Confess all known sin.
  2. Ask the Lord to reveal any other sin.
  3. Seek to make restitution.
  4. Reject & rebuke feelings of false guilt.
  5. Ask the Lord to rebuke your accuser, Satan.
10. Part of the "old" which has gone is the remembrance of past sins. Wallowing in past sins runs counter to the victorious Christian life God wants for us. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

## QUOTES

You have been set free from the penalty of sin. But be honest and realistic; though you are set free from the penalty of sin, you have not been delivered from the presence and power of sin, and while you don't need to be justified again, you need to be continually washed. ~ **Dr. John MacArthur**

If God saved you out of a sewer, don't dive back in and swim around. ~**Unknown**

## SONG TITLES

Call Upon the Lord - **Elevation Worship**  
Nobody - **Casting Crowns**  
Good Grace - **Hillsong Worship**