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CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Crack in the

Reflection

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What
We've
Lost

1 John 1

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

“Confess your sins in church, and do not go up to your prayer with an evil conscience. This is the way of life. . . . On the Lord’s Day gather together, break bread, and give thanks, after confessing your transgressions so that your sacrifice may be pure”

(Didache 4:14, 14:1 [A.D. 70]).

[S]inners may do penance for a set time,
and according to the rules of discipline
come to public confession, and by
imposition of the hand of the bishop and
clergy receive the right of Communion.

Cyprian of Carthage

Isaiah 57

17 I was enraged by their sinful greed;
I punished them, and hid my face in anger,
yet they kept on in their willful ways.

18 I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;
I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's
mourners,

19 creating praise on their lips.
Peace, peace, to those far and near,"
says the Lord. "And I will heal them."

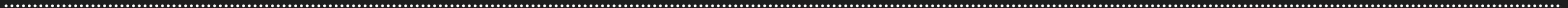


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Confession that is Essential to Faith

Three Things Confession Does

1. It establishes a community of truth



Ephesians 5

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

Ephesians 4

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

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Matthew 5

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,
24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

1 Corinthians 11

29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 *That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.*

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3. It heals you

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13 Is anyone among you in trouble?
Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let
them sing songs of praise. 14 Is
anyone among you sick? Let them
call the elders of the church to pray
over them and anoint them with oil
in the name of the Lord. 15 And the
prayer offered in faith will make the
sick person well;

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the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

Psalm 32

1 Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are
forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count
against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Psalm 32

3 When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

Psalm 32

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Proverbs 28

13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.



1 Timothy 1

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer 4 or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. 5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.



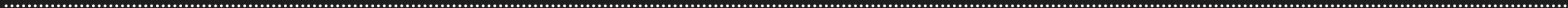
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Sin-Unconditional Love and Forgiveness-
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