

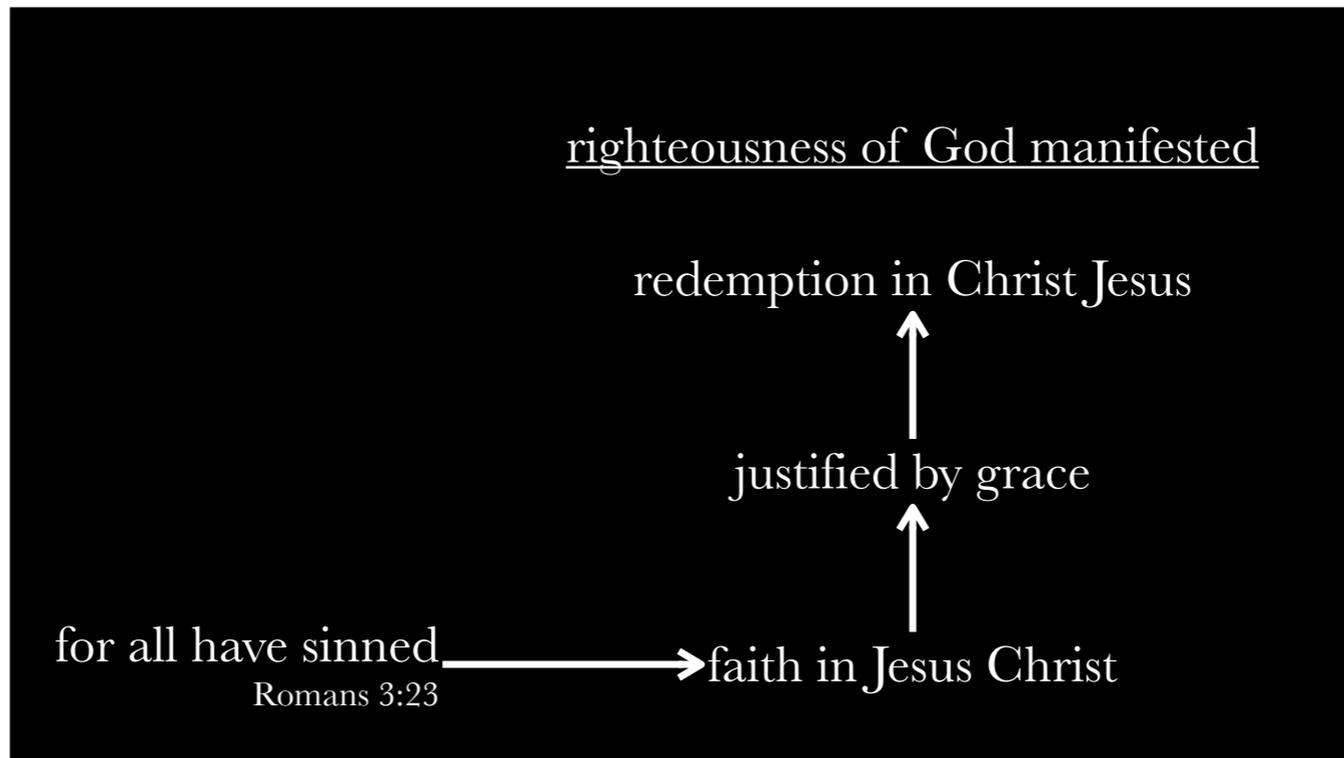
I HAVE SINNED

1 JOHN 1:9

- As we've been talking about the world view and sin
- Go back to the question asked by the Hebrew writer
 - Hebrews 2:2-3 — For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?
- There is clarity that transgression and disobedience receive retribution: just retribution
- But we are offered salvation
 - a GREAT salvation

for all have sinned
Romans 3:23

- Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
- Romans 2:12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.
- Romans 3:9-10 — What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written:
“None is righteous, no, not one;



• Romans 3:21-24 —

- But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
- 22 the righteousness of God
- through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
- For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift,
- through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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- 1 John 1:8-10 (ESV) — If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

If we confess our sins ...
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- What does it mean to confess our sins?
 - It's not an easy thing.
 - We don't like to talk about our sins: easier to hide or deny
 - But how we deal with our sin is vital to our great salvation

If we confess our sins ...
1 John 1:9

- Confession of sins
 - In part it matters how we see ourselves before God
 - I don't need to be saved.
 - I'm a pretty good guy
 - I've done my best
 - And in part how we see God
 - If God is angry with me, why would I want to confess my sin. Just leads to punishment.
 - Easier to think I can lie.

If we confess our sins ...
1 John 1:9

- In part it matters how we understand our sins
 - They aren't really that serious
 - I do more good than harm
- Reminder: Sin is ... Judicial, relational, disease
- Let's consider two contrasting examples of sin: familiar

Pharisee

Thank you

I am not like other men

Fast & Tithe

• Luke 18:10-12 (ESV)

- 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus:
 - ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men
 - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
- 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

Pharisee

Thank you

I am not like other men

Fast & Tithe

- What is the Pharisee confessing?
 - What does he think of God and what will be important to God?
 - He doesn't confess sin ... he sees himself as being righteous
 - But the righteousness of God is based in our faith and God's grace.
 - Does this man think he needs God's grace?
 - He seems to think he's earned it.

<u>Pharisee</u>	<u>Tax Collector</u>
Thank you	Be merciful
I am not like other men	Me
Fast & Tithe	A sinner

- Luke 18:13 (ESV)

- 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’
 - Did this man fully confess his sin?
 - There’s not a long list.
 - There are not specifics.
 - He knows his sins, and God knows his sins.
 - According to parable, this is an acceptable confession before God.
- What does the tax collector think of God?
 - God is merciful

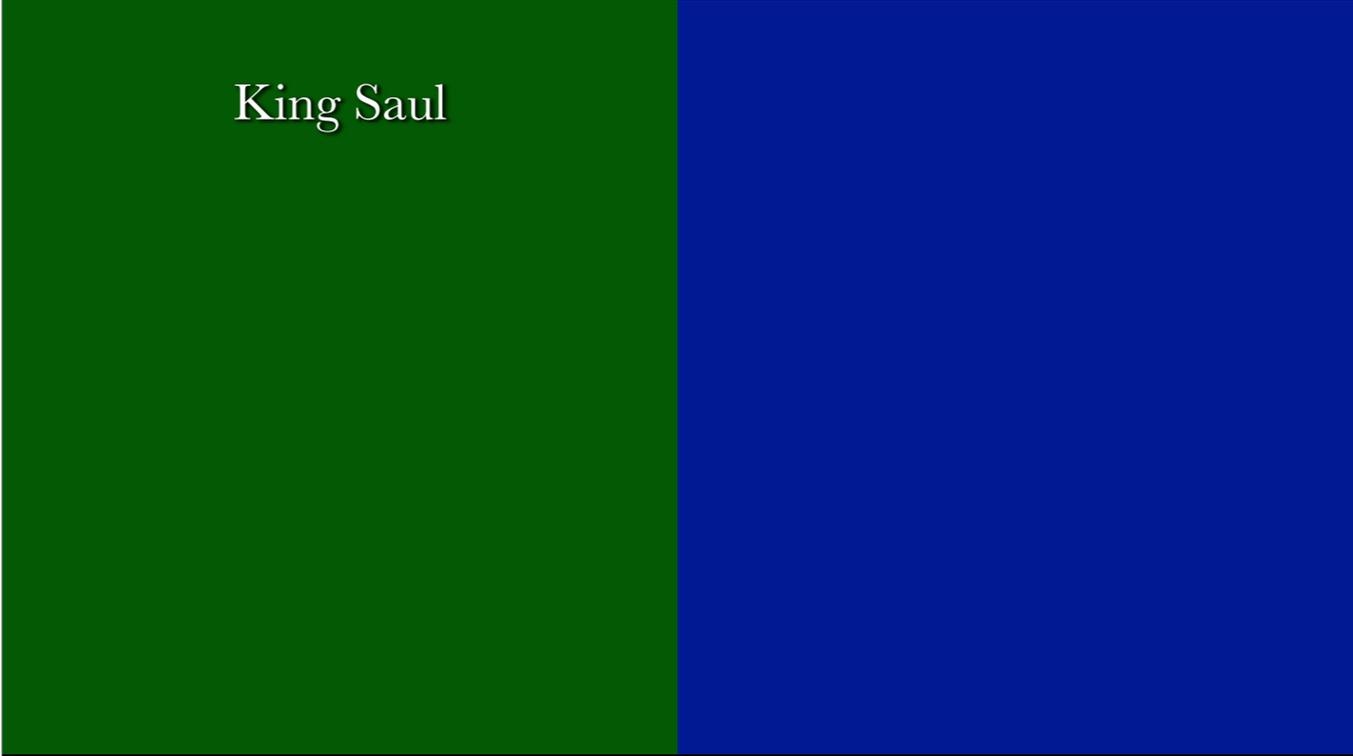
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	JUSTIFIED!

- Justified!
 - 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.
 - The Pharisee tried to justify why God would save him.
 - The Tax Collector confessed his sin, plead for mercy

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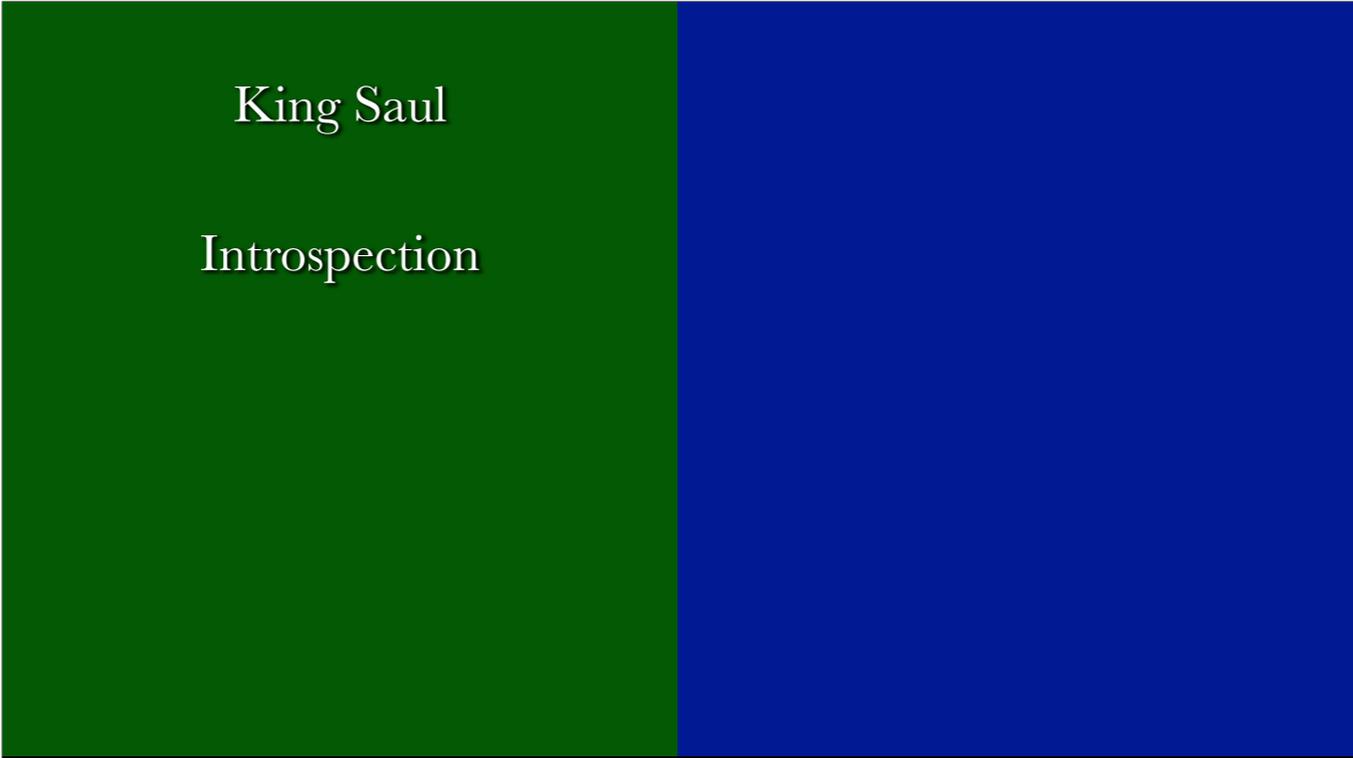
- Humbles

- For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”



King Saul

- King Saul (1 Samuel 15)
 - Amalek: Devote to destruction all (same as Jericho)
 - 1 Samuel 15:9: But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction.



King Saul

Introspection

- Confession requires introspection
 - 1 Samuel 15:13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”
 - He clearly had not, he thinks he has done what he should, by implication he has done nothing wrong
 - This is not as easy as we think, and we’ll see the same issue with David
 - It’s much easier to think we are obedient than to examine ourselves against God’s instructions



- Confession requires acknowledging responsibility
 - 1 Samuel 15:15 Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.”
 - Blamed the people: “the people spared”
 - Justified disobedience: sacrifice the best to Jehovah



- Confession requires sincerity
 - Saul confesses his sin three times
 - 24: I have sinned ... I feared the people
 - 25: please pardon my sin ... return with me that I may bow before Jehovah
 - 30: I have sinned ... honor me before elders, bow before Jehovah



- Why aren't these confessions accepted by God?
 - God knows the heart
 - We tend to question Saul's motives in confessing sin at this point because all of his confessions have additional thoughts or selfish motivations.
- When is a confession not a confession?
 - When it lacks sincerity.
- Did King Saul take his sin seriously?



- King David

- 2 Samuel 12:13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die."
 - A great salvation: just retribution would be that David died: adultery, murder — law — death

<u>King Saul</u>	<u>King David</u>
Introspection	Plea for mercy
Acknowledges Responsibility	
Sincerity	

- Confession is a plea for Mercy
 - Psalms 51:1 — Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
 - Saul never sought Gods mercy
 - How is david thinking go God? Mercy!

<u>King Saul</u>	<u>King David</u>
Introspection	Plea for mercy
Acknowledges Responsibility	Seeks reconciliation
Sincerity	

- Confession understands the need for reconciliation (Sin is relational)
 - Psalms 51:4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
 - Psalms 51:11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<u>King Saul</u>	<u>King David</u>
Introspection	Plea for mercy
Acknowledges Responsibility	Seeks reconciliation
Sincerity	Faces just judgment

- Confession faces God's just judgment (Sin is judicial)
 - Psalms 51:4 so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment

<u>King Saul</u>	<u>King David</u>
Introspection	Plea for mercy
Acknowledges Responsibility	Seeks reconciliation
Sincerity	Faces just judgment
	Healing

- Confession realizes the need for healing (Sin is disease)
 - Psalms 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
 - Psalms 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 - Psalms 51:8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
 - Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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• Confess:

- Be humble
- Plea for Mercy
- Acknowledge your sin
 - Be introspective
- Acknowledge your responsibility
- Be sincere
- Seek Reconciliation
- Face a just judgment
- Seek Healing

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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A Great Salvation

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Synopsis: What does it mean to confess our sins, since it is necessary for forgiveness. In this lesson we look at the examples of the Pharisee and Tax Collector and the contrast between King Saul and King David to better understand what confession from our hearts involves: humility, pleading for mercy, introspective acknowledgement of our sin, sincerity, seeking reconciliation, facing a just judgment, and healing.

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