

Confession/Absolution

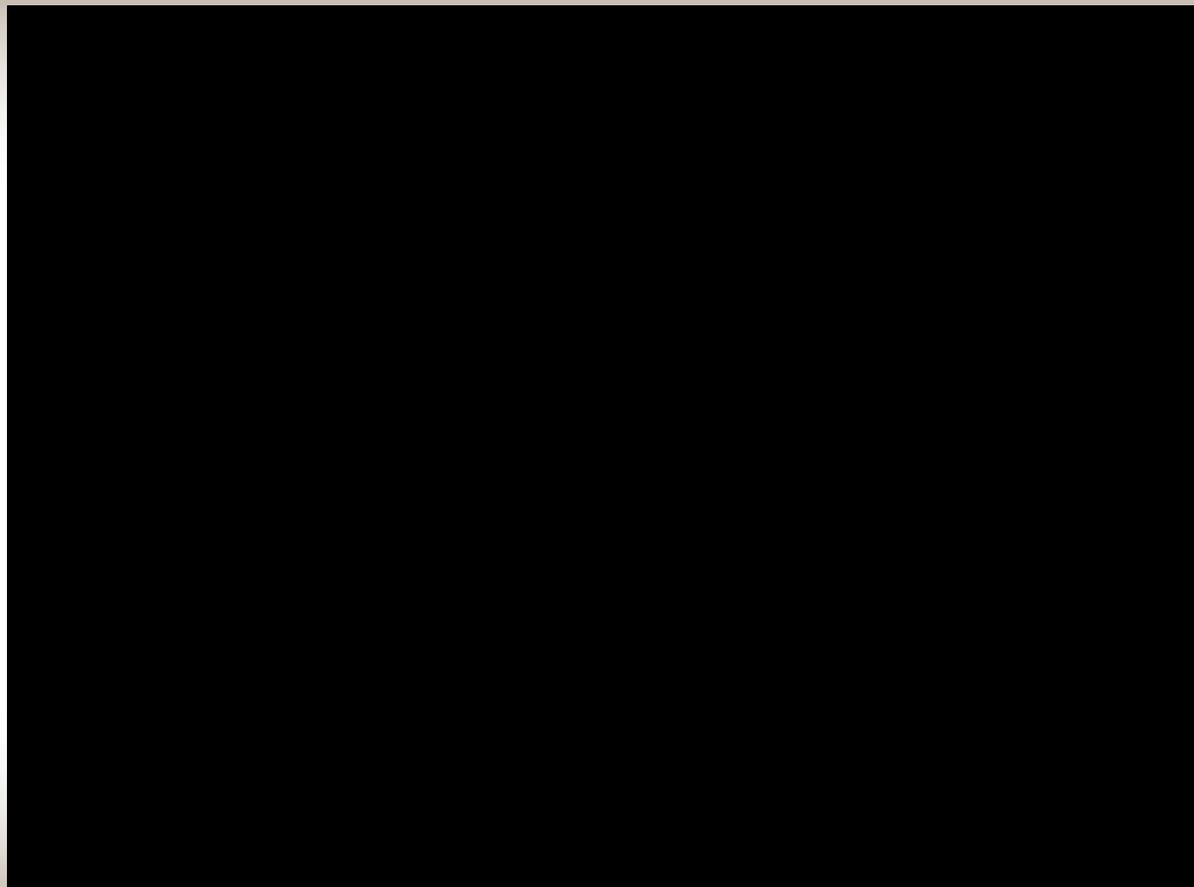




Confession Is Good for the Soul



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Confession & Absolution

- What is confession?
 - Confession has two parts.
 - First that we confess our sins, and
 - Second, that we receive absolution, that is forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.



Scriptural Basis

- *[Context – this occurs when Jesus, resurrected, appears to the disciples for the first time.]*
- **John 20:23**
- **23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”**



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Confession & Absolution

- What sins should we confess?
 - Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.
 - Pastor Steven Parks



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Matthew 18

- ²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[h] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
- ²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
- ²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.^[i] He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.
- ²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’
- ³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.
- ³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.
- ³⁵ **“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”**

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Why?

- Why should we confess our sins when they are already forgiven by what Christ did on the cross?

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The Weight of Sin





Confession and Absolution

- In Confession and Absolution, the church exercises the authority of Christ to forgive the sins of repentant believers.
- Through His Law, God speaks a word of judgment (**remember we are condemned by the Law**). We are Guilty. We then acknowledge, and openly confess, that we have sinned. We have disobeyed God.



The Good News

- Through the Gospel, God speaks His Word of forgiveness and life. We listen. We receive His forgiveness. (Remember there is power in God's Word). We rejoice in His mercy and love in Jesus Christ.



We Admit...

- That we are by nature sinful and unclean
- That we have sinned in thought, word, and deed
- That we have sinned by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
- We have not loved God with our whole heart
- We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.



Absolution

- Absolution is God's great blessing. Through His Word, spoken by the pastor, God assures us of His love and grace. We are fully assured that our sins are forgiven.
- Jesus paid in full for our sins on the cross.

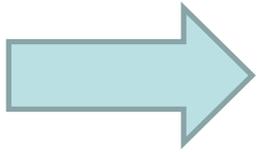


WVE: Preview

- Pastor Fisk is going to talk about the role of the Pastoral Office (Office of the Keys) as it pertains to Confession and Absolution.
- A distinction will be made between “Proclamation” and “Absolution”.
 - Proclamation is when the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed by any Christian – even a child.
 - Absolution is when the pastor forgives sins as a called and ordained servant of Christ (in His stead, and by His command).



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