



CLASS FOUR: FORGIVENESS OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[**1 John 1:9**]. In our journey of becoming like Christ, we may fall into sin. Sin always breaks fellowship and God wants us to be in consistent fellowship with Him. Sin also breaks fellowship with other believers. Sin also brings guilt. Sin will make one doubt God's love for the person. But God in His Word assures us that, our sins can be forgiven if we pray and ask for forgiveness.

A life of sin also does not glorify God. We are the light of the world and so everything we do must reflect the nature of God. Because sin brings guilt and shame, one might be tempted to run away from God.

A life of sin gives the devil the chance to attack a believer because he is out of fellowship with God. God is however a God of love. Once a believer has sinned, he just has to repent and confess his sin to God.

1 John 1:9 assures a believer that, God who is faithful will surely forgive him of his sin.

Proverbs 28:13 - One must not cover or hide a sin but rather confess and forsake them. This is when one encounters the mercy of God.

Psalms 130:4 - There is forgiveness with God. One can always find forgiveness once he goes to God in prayer.

Luke 15:11 – 24 - After the prodigal has walked away from his home and virtually destroyed his life, he decided to go home. He was received by his father despite his wrongdoing. God will receive someone who has messed up but decides to come back to God.

We must remember that our confession is made to God. God forgives us at once. God does not postpone forgiveness when we pray and confess our sins. We must remember that telling someone about sin is not the same as confessing your sin to God. Do not assume that God knows everything and so He knows about what you have done and there is, therefore, no need to confess.