

The Path of Confession

Psalm 51

Only true repentance brings restoration and joy out of the tragedy of sin.

I. David's Appeal (vs. 1-2)

A. 2 Qualities of God

1. Unfailing love (hesed)
2. Great compassion

Exodus 34:6-7

B. 3 actions of God

1. Blot out
2. Wash away
3. Cleanse

Isaiah 43:25

C. 3 words for sin

1. Transgressions
2. Iniquity
3. Sin

II. David's Confession (vs. 3-6)

A. The reality of sin (v. 3-4)

B. The depths of sin (v. 5-6)

Romans 5:19

**I don't need better parents, better environment,
more rules – I need a new nature.**

Sin runs deep. God wants to work deep in our lives.

III. David's Petition (vs. 7-12)

A. Cleansing (v. 7-9)

Isaiah 1:18

Psalm 32:3

B. Renewal and Restoration (v. 10-12)

1 Samuel 16:14

IV. The Results (vs. 13-19)

A. Personal conclusion (v. 13-17)

**From his experience, he will be able to teach others
about the damage of sin and the great grace
of God.**

B. National conclusion (v. 18-19)

"There is more grace in Christ than sin in us" (Richard Sibbes)

