

New Testament Prayer
'Prayer changes the believer'

- I.** God know everything, why does He ask us to confess our sins?
1. When a Christian sins, it causes ramifications in heaven.
 2. It displeases God due to His holiness.
 3. God demands purity in His children (1 Pet. 1:16).
 4. The cross work of Christ made propitiation/satisfaction for all mankind's sin (1 Jn. 2:1-2).
 5. Every Christian has sinned (1 Jn. 1:8, 10).
 6. Sin causes the Holy Spirit to grieve (Eph. 4:30).
 7. The Christian a has to reconciled to God:
 - 1) The sinner remains reconciled positionally (Rom. 8:1).
 - 2) The sinner is not reconciled practically, in practice (Rom. 8:7; 2 Cor. 5:20 *cf.* Col. 1:20).

Terms to understand 1 John 1:9: confess, righteous ('just' KJV), forgive, sins, and unrighteousness.

- II.** What is sin?
1. Sin is sin because God calls it sin.
 2. Sin is against God (Ps. 51:4 *cf.* 1 Cor. 8:12).
 3. Sin is acting as though God has no restraints, no standards, no limits (1 Jn. 3:4).
 4. Sin is action, not thought (1 Cor. 6:18).
 5. All sin must be paid for to please the Father (Heb. 9:22).

- III.** The blood of Jesus Christ paid for and currently satisfies the Father's holiness (Heb. 10:10).
1. Christ's blood is incorruptible (1 Pet. 1:18-19).
 2. Jesus' blood on the cross was the one-time sacrifice for all sin (Heb. 10:10-12).
 3. Christ, by His very own blood, entered into the presence of God, in the realm of His humanity (Heb. 9:11-14, 24).
 4. Christ sprinkled His blood on Himself in order to enter into heaven (Heb. 9:13-14; Rom. 3:25).