

Confess, Renounce, Repent, and Receive God's forgiveness

The following are some observations about the deliverance process of prayer leading to the breaking any legal right the demonic realms may have on your life. That process is one of publically proclaiming, before God and caring others, any area of un-holiness. Confession, renunciation and repentance are God given disciplines essential for the abundant life. In addition, acknowledging and receiving God's forgiveness during this process testifies to God's goodness and mercy which will keep you in a grateful posture before the Lord. Important to note: That this process should not be done in isolation. Going thru these steps in the presence of others adds a powerful healing dynamic, See James 5:16.

CONFESSION:

This is an act of humbling yourself before God. Confession is a sincere internal or external verbalization to God that takes only a few words and can be done at any time or any place Scripture says that God gives grace to the humble, James 4:6. Nothing is hidden from God sight to think otherwise is to live a lie. Confession entails the following.

1. Agree with God: The word confess comes from the Greek word *homologeō*. It literally means to say the same thing. Confession means to agree or acknowledge fully. Therefore when we confess we say the same thing as God does about our sin. We have God's viewpoint on the matter-we see it as he does. We also acknowledge with him that sin has awful disastrous effects.

Confession does not mean rendering lip service or mouthing deeds with vain repetition. This includes:

2. Owning Up to Sin: Own up to the fact that the thought or action is wrong. Do not try to justify yourself by rationalizing that it really was not sin. Such rationalizations as, everyone's doing it, It's just a natural human error, or It's not really so bad is not real confession.

3. Be Specific: Name the particular thing to God. Do not be general. It is the job of the Holy Spirit to reveal, point out, shine searchlight on specific items in my life. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

We are told to examine ourselves. Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-unless indeed you are disqualified (2 Corinthians 13:5).

4. Be Prompt

We should not save up our sins until the night and then confess them. We need to

confess them immediately. The Bible says, In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry (Ephesians 4:26).

5.Be Sincere About Quitting

We must also be sincere about quitting the sin we are confessing. We must have

Public Declaration: Scriptures also teach us the importance of *community* in dealing with our sin. Confession of sin in the presence of others is applying and celebrating the gospel, *together*. We are sanctified sinners who all need more grace for holiness, and we must rehearse this together. John beautifully captures this: “My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. However, if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for *our* sins and *not for ours only*, but also *for the sins of the whole world*” (1 John 2:1–2).

Confession to one another celebrates the payment of our sin *and* the sanctifying work of God through the cross of Christ (1 John 1:9). Confession to another Christian also guards us from absolving ourselves without true repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10). Bonhoeffer writes that God gives us certainty that we are dealing with the living God “through our brother”.

When we bring our sins to another Christian, they become concrete and their ugliness cannot be hid from view. Confession, whether in secret prayer or in the presence of a caring fellow Christian, honors Christ (Galatians 6:2).

RENOUCE:

To "renounce" means to personally "give up, refuse, or formally declare one's abandonment". Whereas repenting is directed toward God, renouncing is directed toward the enemy. The word denounce is often confused with the use of renounce. Therefore, it is important to know the difference between these two terms as well as how it fits into the Biblical pattern of confession, renunciation and repentance.

What does renounce mean from Biblical perspective?

Renounce is a word that is more internally focused than denounce. To renounce something is much more a statement about what you have done/plan to do, rather than what someone else has done. You might renounce an old habit or lifestyle or renounce your support for something, but you denounce other people's words or actions. To “denounce” means to openly or publicly state that someone or something is bad or wrong.

When you renounce, you countermanding any words that contradict **God's Word**. We are making a formal declaration that we will no longer align ourselves with things that oppose God. We are canceling all agreements with the enemy.

God has given us authority in Jesus' name to cancel any spiritually binding contract we may have made with the devil through our words. Many believers repent of their sins before God, only to find themselves in a losing tug-of-war with the enemy, repeating their failures.

We must shut the door on the devil, refusing by formal declaration to walk in the ways of the past. **Renouncing is the means by which we cut off any legal right for Satan to bind or torment us. This is the way we resist him (James 4:7).**

There's a good way to remember when choosing renounce or denounce and it has to do with the first letter of each word. **Renounce** is similar in meaning to **reject**, **retract**, and **revoke**. They all start with the letter "**R**." **Denounce** is similar in meaning to **condemn**. Denounce and condemn both have the letter "**D**" in them.

In summary: **Renounce** means to give up or relinquish or declare your ending support. **Denounce** means to condemn openly, accuse publicly, or formally end a treaty.

REPENT:

"Repent" literally means being "re-penitent" or "again humble." One who is penitent expresses humble or regretful pain or sorrow for sins or offenses. To repent means to come back to that place of humility and sorrow over sin.

Repentance is the willful act of turning toward God with your entire person, body, soul and spirit. It is a change of mind, turning from self-sufficiency which is reliance on anything other than God to meet your needs to radical dependence upon Him for everything pertaining to life and godliness. Repentance is an essential part of breaking any legal hold the enemy may have on your life. This is submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ making Him the master of your life and non-other, including yourself.

The following are excerpts taken from an article "What is repentance is it necessary for salvation?" Gotquestions.org

Many understand the term *repentance* to mean "a turning from sin." Regretting sin and turning from it is related to repentance, but it is not the precise meaning of the word. In the Bible, the word *repent* means "to change one's mind." The Bible also tells us that true repentance will result in a change of actions ([Luke 3:8-14](#); [Acts 3:19](#)). In summarizing his ministry, Paul declares, "I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds" ([Acts 26:20](#)). **The full biblical definition of repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of action.**

Repentance involves recognizing that you have thought wrongly in the past and determining to think aright in the future. The repentant person has “second thoughts” about the mindset he formally embraced. There is a change of disposition and a new way of thinking about God, about sin, about holiness, and about doing God’s will. **True repentance is prompted by “godly sorrow,” and it “leads to salvation”** ([2 Corinthians 7:10](#)).

While repentance is not a work that earns salvation, repentance unto salvation does result in works. It is impossible to truly change your mind without that causing a change in action. In the Bible, repentance results in a change in behavior. That is why John the Baptist called people to “produce fruit in keeping with repentance” ([Matthew 3:8](#)). A person who has truly repented of his sin and exercised faith in Christ will give evidence of a changed life ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Galatians 5:19–23](#); [James 2:14–26](#)).

Repentance, properly defined, is necessary for salvation. Biblical repentance is changing your mind about your sin—no longer is sin something to toy with; it is something to be forsaken as we “flee from the coming wrath” ([Matthew 3:7](#)). It is also changing your mind about Jesus Christ—no longer is He to be mocked, discounted, or ignored; He is the Savior to be clung to; He is the Lord to be worshiped and adored.

RECEIVING GOD’S FORGIVENESS:

One of our enemy’s most potent tactics is to whisper thoughts of shame and condemnation to your mind. If he can get you to believe you are unworthy of forgiveness, and cast doubt on God’s grace and mercy then it will have any easier time convincing you to give up, take control, harbor unforgiveness and vengeance and whole wrath of other ungodly things.

Unforgiveness is the number one issue that is guaranteed to keep a Christian in bondage to demons. You must cultivate an attitude of forgiveness in your heart. The Lord spoke some of His most compelling words in all of scripture regarding forgiveness or the lack there of. The parable in Matthew 18 issues a strong warning to the “unforgiving servant”. That servant was delivered over to a tormentor until his debt of unforgiveness was fully paid (which by the way was an unsurmountable amount). By God’s grace and mercy, you have been forgiven. : You should shout this from the rooftops and thank Him in your prayers!

Therefore:

1. Acknowledge and receiving God’s forgiveness as demonstrated on the cross.
2. Forgive yourself (DO NOT AVOID THIS STEP AND DIMISH THE CROSS OF CHRIST)
3. Forgive others (Forgive as you have been forgiven).