



**CONFESSING SINS TO**



One  
Another







## James 5:13-16

### The Prayer of Faith

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

# **Confession to others**

(along with praying for each other)

**brings us healing!**

Healing is different than forgiveness!

## Psalm 66:18-19

- <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;  
<sup>19</sup> but God has surely listened  
and has heard my prayer.

## **Proverbs 28:13**

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,  
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

## **1 Peter 5:5b**

**“God opposes the proud  
but shows favor to the humble.”**



## **Hebrews 4:13**

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## **Galatians 1:10**

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

**Do I fear man  
more than  
God?**



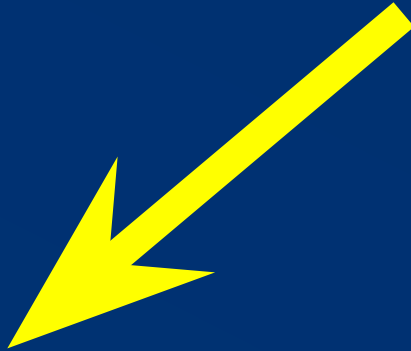
## 1 John 1:7-10

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

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**Fellowship  
(Koinonia)**

**Koinonia (κοινωνία)** - A partnership  
and deep involvement in sharing  
together in the common life.





**Confession is  
mandatory for  
Christian fellowship  
(Koinonia)!**

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- The sooner we can walk in the light (confess), the better.