

# Psalms of Confession: 32 and 51

THE OLD TESTAMENT \* Week 24 \* Opening Prayer from Psalm 32:7

- I. “Righteousness” = Being in right relationship with God and each other
  - A. God created
  
  - B. Since then, “No one is righteous. No not one” (Romans 3:10)
  
- II. To Return to righteousness, we need “Atonement” “at-one-ment.”
  
- III. We play a part:
  
- IV. **Psalm 32** “Of David,” A “*Maskil*”
  - A. Vs 1-2 – Way to having them “not count” is C\_\_\_\_\_
  
  - B. Vs 3-4 – Not confessing eats us up.
  
  - C. *Selah* = “rock” which means “An AMEN as strong as a rock”
  
  - D. Vs 5 –
  
  - E. Vs 6-7 –
  
  - F. Vs 8-9—
  
  - G. Vs 10-11 – Final promise
  
- V. **Psalm 51** “Of David when...”
  - A. Vs 1-2 – Not quite as bold as before.
  
  - B. Vs 3-4 – EVERY sin hurts God
  
  - C. Vs 5-6 - “Total depravity”
    1. Sinful at birth = selfishness

2. Be honest!
- D. Vs 7-9 –Only God can...
- E. God forgives and redeems...
- F. Just because God forgives...
- G. Vs 10 – Birthplace of sin is in the heart and head.
- H. My prayer as I celebrate Communion
- I. Vs 11-12 – David knew he needed God
- J. Vs 13 – Pipelines of grace.
- K. Vs 14-15 –
- L. Vs 16 – Wait a minute!
1. Sacrifice is a Sacrament = Something we do on the OUTSIDE that represents something God does on the INSIDE.
    - a) Matter (stuff), Form (liturgy), and Intent
    - b) Correct Matter and Form, but wrong Intent...
  2. Takes BOTH outward and inward bits to be complete
- M. Vs 17 –Makes a sacrifice “acceptable” and a sacrament “efficacious”
- N. Vs 18-19 – After the heart is right, the body follows.

Closing Prayer from Psalm 51:10-12

**Preparation for next week: Read Psalms 119-150**