

# The Epistles of John

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Week 21: 1 John 1:9

‘Fellowship’ is a specifically Christian word and denotes that common participation in the grace of God, the salvation of Christ and the indwelling Spirit that is the spiritual birthright of all Christian believers. It ... makes them one.

John Stott



**Love isn't what you say.  
Love is what you do.**

1 John 1:8-10

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Sin is defined as both a  
condition and an action

# 1 John 1:8-10

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1:6 If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” yet walk in the darkness

1:7 But if we walk in the light as he is in the light ...

1:8 If we say, “We have no sin”

1:9 But if we confess our sins ...

1:10 If we say, “We have not sinned”

2:1 But if anybody does sin ...

# 1 John 1:8-10

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1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confess = acknowledge, admit

Forgive = set aside, release, let go, leave behind

Cleanse = make clean, purify, purge of evil

## Application for This Week

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While sin is a condition, it is also an action. How much and how hard does God have to work before we acknowledge (confess) our sins? Can we be more aware?

God is more interested in truth as a source for our behavior and actions than as a theological or doctrinal proposition. Are we walking in the truth?

We need to daily be listening to the Holy Spirit move in us, showing us our sins and then we need to respond by confessing them as often as God shows them to us.

# Homework

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See you back next week