

Coming Clean

(The Road to Recovery- Part 4)

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“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Matthew 5:8 (ESV)

The Problem of Guilt...How do we get rid of it?

I. Take a personal _____

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

Psalms 139:23-24 (ESV)

- Key to a Moral Inventory...

II. Accept responsibility for _____

“The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.” Ezekiel 18:20 (ESV)

III. Ask God for _____

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

“I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.” Psalms 32:5 (ESV)

How does God forgive?

- God forgives _____
- God forgives _____
- God forgives _____

IV. Admit your faults to _____

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”

James 5:16a (ESV)

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

V. Accept God's forgiveness and _____

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” Micah 7:18-19 (ESV)

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 (ESV)

“I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” Jeremiah 31:34 (ESV)