



CALLLED TO BE **Different**

Heritage Alliance Church

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Prayer: Forgiveness & Confession

Prayers:

Forgiving others who have hurt us: Father, thank you for your promise to forgive me my sin as I forgive those who have sinned against me (Matthew 6:12). Lord Jesus, thank you for dying that I might be forgiven. By a choice of my will, I choose to forgive _____ for _____ and the consequences this has had over my life. When that happened I felt _____. I choose to release _____ into the freedom of my forgiveness and from my judgment, taking him/her off my hook and putting him/her into your just and merciful hands.

Repent of sinful behavior (ungodly reaction to the hurt): Father, I come to you through Jesus to confess and repent of _____. Thank you that as I repent, my sins are as far as the East is from the West, so far have you removed my transgressions from me (Psalm 103:12, 1 John 1:9).

Pray to cut ties: Thank you, Father God, for forgiveness and the promised freedom that comes through my obedience. I am asking you, Jesus, to now come and cut the spirit, soul and body tie that has kept me bound to _____. Please remove the consequences of the tie and bring full healing and restoration to this area of my life.

Pray a blessing (Romans 12:14, Ephesians 4:7). The "opportunity" is gone, now speak out: Through obedience I have forgiven, repented and Jesus has cut the ties, so now this area of my life is back under the authority of God. In the powerful name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, anything unholy must leave me and go to where Jesus appoints you. I pray all this in the authority I have as a child of God, because of Jesus' death and resurrection. Amen.

Definition of confession: to admit or acknowledge & to agree with God

The Purpose of confession is for Reconciliation: Restoring Relationships

Confession: Restoring/ Healing our relationship with God

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved." Romans 9:9ff

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:8-9

Confession: Restoring / Healing our relationships with others

"So, if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God."
Matthew 5:23-24