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**“CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY ... “ (James 5:16)  
“IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS” (1 John 1:9)**

## INTRODUCTION

Certainly, God’s people (Christians) sin: (Romans 3:10, v23)

(1 John 1:8-10) **“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”**

(v8) “we deceive ourselves” - (Rms. 16:18-19; Eph. 4:14-15; 5:6-7)

(v8) “and the truth is not in us” - (John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13)

(v10) “we make him (God) a liar” - God, scripture, tells us “all have sinned.”

(v10) “and his word is not in us” - (Luke 8:12) “... then comes the devil, and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.”

### 1. **“CONFESS THEREFORE YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER” (James 5:16) “IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS” (1 John 1:9)**

**“Confess therefore”** - acknowledge; freely admit; to declare; tell.  
(Psalm 32:5; Proverbs 28:13)

**“Your” “Our”** - not someone else’s faults.

**“Faults” “Sins”** - trespasses; iniquity; errors; unrighteousness; burdens.

**“One to another”** - it’s mutual; to any other Christian; to brethren.

**“... and pray one for another ... “** - you for me, and I for you.

2. **THE TEXT IS NOT TEACHING** - 1) Going to a specific appointed person whose job it is to hear confessions. 2) Indiscriminate advertising of your faults.

3. **THE TEXT IS TEACHING** - 1) Praying for one another’s burdens. 2) Sharing mutual woes, and the confession may be a mutual exchange of burdens, and this needs to go no farther than the present company.

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