

# A Fresh Start

## 1 John 1:9

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

Two Key Words - Sins/Confess

What is the difference in “sin” and  
“sins”?

My sin is what separates me from God.

My sin is my inner rebellious nature toward God. It is my desire to have it my way rather than God's way.

My sins are the ways in which that inner rebellious nature toward God, is outwardly expressed.

For example, we are all sinners, but we are not all gossips, adulterers, or prayerless.

**We are all sinners but we don't all  
commit the same sins.**

So what does it mean to confess? Is there a difference in judicial and biblical confession? Absolutely!

I can confess in court to a crime but  
feel absolutely no remorse.

Biblical confession, homo logo,  
means to speak the same, to agree  
with God.

So what does biblical confession  
involve?

1. I must recognize the ways I am personally sinning against God.

**2. Confession is best done, by verbally, orally, saying it to God.**

**3. I must come to feel about my sin the way God does. I have to agree with God about my sin.**

**4. It doesn't means I must be willing to repent but rather that, I do repent of my sin.**

The rewards of genuine repentance?  
Forgiveness and Cleansing!

Will He really do that?  
Absolutely!  
He is faithful and just.

You can count on Him to do it.  
He is right to do it!