7 As OF CONFESSION

Josh Welch

#1 Address the specific person involved. *"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother"* (Matthew 18:15).

#2 Avoid excuse words like "if," "but," and "maybe." "And Saul said to Samuel, 'But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal'" (1st Samuel 15:20-21).

#3 Admit specifically; pinpoint your guilt. "For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge" (Psalm 51:3-4). "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

#4 Acknowledge the hurt by expressing sorrow. *"I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'"* (Luke 15:18).

#5 Accept the consequences. "I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants" (Luke 15:19).

#6 Alter your behavior; repent. "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him'" (Luke 17:3-5).

#7 Ask forgiveness. "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" (1st John 1:8-9).

IF ONLY

Chadwick Brewer

The voices called, the warnings clear, Yet I refused—I would not hear. Their words like seeds upon the stone, Scattered, wasted, left alone.

Advice was given, hand to hand, Like fliers tossed upon the land. Read in haste, then cast away, Forgotten by the break of day.

Love was offered, tried and true, A guiding light, a clearer view. But youth, so certain, proud, and blind, Turned away and paid no mind.

Now echoes haunt the roads I've crossed, The paths once bright, now dim with loss. Regret walks near with heavy tread, And whispers softly in my head—

> If only I had stopped to see, The love, the care, the clarity. If only I had bowed to hear, The voices wise, the voices dear.

But time moves on, it does not wait, No second chance, no clean-slate fate. Yet mercy lingers, hope still gleams, For wisdom waits in broken dreams.



TO BE SAVED?"

ACTS 16; 30

LEARN THE GOSPEL John 6:45; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

CONFESS CHRIST Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

> **REPENT OF SIN** Acts 3:19; 17:30

BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

REMAIN STEADFAST 1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10



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HEBREWS 10;24-25

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GALATIANS 6;1

CONFESS TRESPASSES James 5:16; 1st John 1:9

> REPENT OF SIN Acts 8:22

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS Acts 8:22

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"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS [LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN SETTINGS OF SILVER"

PROVERBS 25;11

"Anxiety is a hear confessing that Jesus is not Lord. To incessantly worry is to believe we are in control and that we can change things by our own power. Trust God."

- Zachary Conover

"WHOLE COUNSEL"

ACTS 20:27

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THE EVOLUTION POPULATION PROBLEM

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Evolutionary scientists believe that man has existed for over a million years, and their belief has overwhelming issues. Using the assumption of 43 years for the average human generation, the population growth over a million years would produce 23,256 consecutive generations. We calculate the expected population by starting with one couple one million years ago and use the same assumption of a 43 year generation and 2.5 children per family. The evolutionary theory of a million years of growth would produce trillions and trillions and trillions of people that should be alive today on our planet, taking wars, famine, and natural disasters into account.

To help understand, the number is much greater than the total number of atoms in our expansive universe. Furthermore, if mankind lived on earth for millions of years, we would all be standing on an enormous mountain of bones from trillions of skeletons of those who had died in past generations. However, despite tremendous archaeological and scientific investigation in the last two centuries, scientists have not found a fraction of the trillions of skeletons predicted by the theory of evolutionary scientists. Where are all the bodies?

Funny enough, as Creationists, we have the expected population if the world started with 2 people, 6000 years ago, and then 8 people 4,500 years ago. Yes, it's true!



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