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- There are 3 kinds of sin and each is to be handled differently:
  - Secret.  
*Ps. 90:8; 1 John 1:9*
  - Private.  
*Matt. 18:15a, 15-17*
  - Public.  
*1 Cor. 5:1-2; James 5:16*

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- Is “I have sinned” enough as a confession of public sin? *Lev. 5:1-5*
  - Some examples of confession of sins:
    - Achan. *Joshua 7:19-21*
    - Saul. *1 Sam. 15:16-19, 24-25*
    - David. *2 Sam. 12:7-9, 13a*
    - The Ephesians. *Acts 19:18-19a*

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- Why don't we practice this?
  - It's embarrassing.  
*James 4:10; Prov. 30:20; 28:13*
  - Lack of sorrow.  
*2 Cor. 7:10; Ps. 51:17*
  - We try to rationalize that it's really someone else's sin, not mine. *Gen. 3:12, 13*
  - Self justification.  
*2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12*

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- The blessing of confessing sin.
  - Trying to ignore or hide it will destroy.  
*Ps. 32:1-6*
  - Confession will bring healing.  
*James 5:14-16*
  - It will restore our fellowship with God.  
*Luke 15:11-24*
  - It will help us remain faithful.  
*1 Tim. 1:12-17*

# God's Plan To Save Man

## God's Plan:

Believe – *John 8:24; John 1:12*

Repent – *Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3*

Confess – *Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32*

Be baptized – *Mark 16:16; Acts 10:48*

↳ Puts us into Christ - *Gal. 3:27*

Saves us - *1 Peter 3:21*

Puts us into His body (church)

- *1 Cor. 12:13*

Washes our sins away – *Acts 22:16*

Remain Faithful to the Lord

*Col. 1:22-23 - Rev. 2:10 - 1 Cor. 15:58*

## God's Plan In Action:

Who?	Condition	Prescription	Result
Jailer Acts 16:30-33	Non-believer	Believe – Repent – Baptised	Saved
Jews Acts 2:37-38	Believed	– Repent – Baptised	Forgiveness of Sins
Saul Acts 22:16	Penitent Believer	– Baptised	Washed away sins
Simon Acts 8:22	Unfaithful Christian	Repent - Pray	Forgiveness

## What Are My Options?

Sinner

*Rom. 6:23*

*Rom. 2:8-9*

*2 Thess. 1:7-9*

*Rom. 6:17-18*

Saved

*1 Pet. 1:22*

*Heb. 5:8-9*

*Matt. 7:21*