

# Living Together in Repentance & Forgiveness

## Psalm 51

**Theme:** Unity within Christ's Church requires that we be in right standing relationally with one another; therefore, our inevitable sins against one another have to be justly dealt with through the regular, fervent practice of repentance and forgiveness.

### I. The Seriousness of Relational Sin

A. In the world (Rom. 1:28-32)

B. In the Church (Col. 3:5-9)

### II. The Practice of Repentance

A. How to define it

B. How it is oriented (Ps. 51:1-4)

C. What it involves

1. Owning guilt, rejecting blame-shifting (Mt. 22:36-40)

2. Grief and shame (Lk. 18:13)

3. Confession and a request for forgiveness

4. Effectual change over time (Lk. 19:1-10)

D. What its posture is

E. How earnestly we must pursue it (Mt. 5:23-24)

F. Ways the process can be initiated (Mt. 18:15)

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