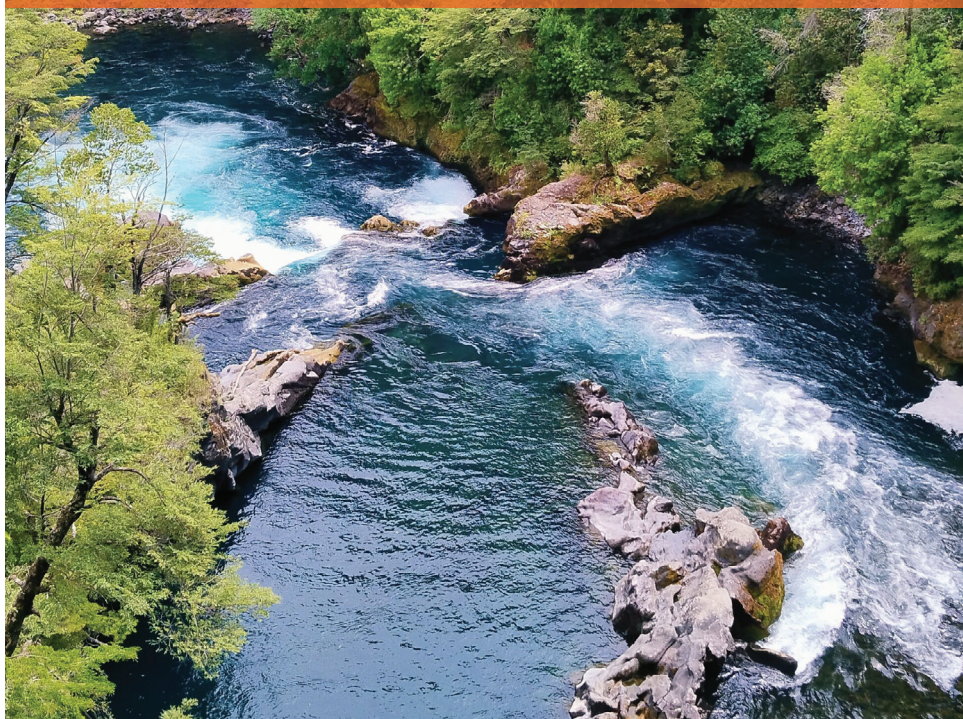




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TUE	6th	Widows Support Fellowship - 12:00pm* Recovery Ministries (PureWord/Broken Chains) - 7:00pm / Fellowship Hall
WED	7th	Awana - 5:30pm / 6:45pm* Worship Service - 7:00pm / Sanctuary
THU	8th	Men's Thursday Evening Bible Study - 6:30pm / Homestead Recovery Ministries (PureWord/Broken Chains) - 7:00pm / Fellowship Hall Adult Open Gym - 8:00pm / Aux Gym
FRI	9th	Family Forum Nights with Dr. Alveda King - 6:30pm* REVIVE Event (High Schoolers) - 7:00pm / Youth Center
SAT	10th	Fall Cleanup - 8:00am - 12:00pm / By the Fountain Winter Coat Drive - During Fall Cleanup & Weekend Services Men of God Bible Study - 8:30am / Homestead Seeking the Lord Prayer Meeting - 6:00pm / Family Room Worship Service - 7:00pm / Sanctuary

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WHEN CONFESSION Becomes a Turn

Pastor Ty Orr



THE SHAPE OF REPENTANCE

Confession is not religious self-humiliation; it is truth-telling under grace. In 1 John 1:9, the Greek verb *homologeō* means to acknowledge, profess, or confess. God already knows our sin; confession just brings us out of hiding. We name sin honestly and entrust ourselves to the God who “is faithful and just to forgive us” and to cleanse us. Confession is agreement with God that our sins are wrong. It is not an attempt to purchase mercy.

Confession and repentance seem to belong together, but they are not identical. The noun *metanoia* and the verb *metanoēō* convey a changed mind or purpose. However, repentance is not a private mental adjustment without visible results. Paul summarizes his preaching this way: we “**should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance**” (Acts 26:20). A changed mind changes our direction; renewed convictions bear fruit in our conduct. These healthy changes do not earn forgiveness. They make the inward change visible.

This distinction also clarifies the place of sorrow. Paul says that “**godly sorrow produces repentance**” (2 Corinthians 7:9ff) while worldly sorrow produces death. Feeling ashamed,

exposed, or afraid of consequences is not automatically repentance. *We may grieve a damaged reputation while still loving the sin.* Godly sorrow, however, opens us to God’s verdict and His never-ending mercy. Emotion may accompany repentance, but tears alone do not measure it. The evidence is a new posture toward loving God and a changed response in rejecting sin.

Suppose we have lied. Confession says, “We lied,” rather than “We communicated poorly.” Repentance changes my judgment of the lie, rejects the false refuge it offered, tells the truth, repairs harm where possible, and establishes practices that favor honesty. This is not penance; it is embodied turning.

Repentance, then, is not merely the doorway into Christian life. It becomes a continuing rhythm within gospel transformation. Confession keeps grace from becoming abstract; repentance keeps confession from becoming speech without change. Yet even sincere turning does not produce instant maturity. God patiently forms new habits, desires, and responses in His people. That lifelong work carries us into the next thought: sanctification.

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