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“If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” 1John 1: 10

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” 1Timothy 1: 15

A Royal Prince on a visit to a foreign land was being shown through a State prison, where many were confined for treasonable offences. The governor conferred on the Prince the power to give a prisoner his freedom in honour of his visit. Questioning various convicts, he was told by some that they were falsely charged, others wrongly judged. But one grey-haired man acknowledged the justice of his sentence, declaring he got no more than he deserved. Laying his hand on this man's shoulder, the Prince said, “You are my man.” And he, the worst man there, according to his own confession, was set free. Grace saves the “chief of sinners” not the “self-righteous”.

We often behave like these poor prisoners. Instead of acknowledging our sins, we deny the fact that we have wronged God and deserve to be punished. Yet, only those who truly acknowledge and confess their sins as they turn to God eventually receive His pardon. All our righteousness is torn into shreds of a filthy rag as it is brought before God. It is only as we come on the account of the sacrificial death and work of grace of Christ on the cross at Calvary and not on the account of our own righteousness (as we have none) that we can be called sons of God.

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” Proverbs 28: 13

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1John 1: 9

Do you understand? God bless you.