

## Sermon Handout

### Confessing our Sins

#### Psalm 51:1-19

#### I. Introduction I John 1:5-9

The Covenant of Grace is God's plan to forgive his people's sins. John says the ultimate provision for forgiveness is the blood of Christ. This was prefigured by the sacrificial system of the Old Testament. Thus, Ps 51 gives us a pattern for confession, but one that is informed by the revelation of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

#### II. A Plea for Mercy from the Just God vv. 1-9

A "blot out" v. 1

B "wash me" v. 2a

C "purify me" v. 2b

D "I know" v. 3

E "I have sinned" v. 4a

F "You are just" v. 4b

E<sup>1</sup> "a state of sin" v.5

D<sup>1</sup> "make me know" v. 6

C<sup>1</sup> "I shall be pure" v. 7a

B<sup>1</sup> "wash me" v. 7b-8

A<sup>1</sup> "blot out" v. 9 *cf.* Ps 103:11-12

#### III. The Sacrifice of Praise vv. 10-17 *cf.* Heb 13:15

A "pure heart . . . steadfast spirit" v. 10 *cf.* Is 1:18

B "cast me not . . . take not" v. 11

C "your salvation" v. 12

D "I shall teach your ways" v. 13

C<sup>1</sup> "God of my salvation" v. 14

B<sup>1</sup> "desire not . . . delight not" v. 16

A<sup>1</sup> "broken spirit . . . contrite heart" v. 17

#### IV. Restoration of Acceptable Worship vv. 18-19

a. Jerusalem rebuilt – restored to righteous behavior v. 18

b. The prescribed sacrifices are now acceptable v. 19 *cf.* v. 17

c. Jesus is the True & Perfect temple John 2:18-22; Rev 21:22

d. We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices Rom 12:1