

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Friends and Family Banquet at 6pm in the fellowship hall; \$16 per person; 18 yrs. old and up; childcare provided

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
 Easton Literature Preparation; meet at the church at 8am
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
 Faithful Rubies Meeting; meet in the fellowship hall at 10am
- Y SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
 Workers' Meeting at 5:35pm; Birthday/
 Anniversary Fellowship after the evening service
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7 & 28

 Easton Literature Distribution; meet at the church at 8am
- SATURDAY, MARCH 14
 Mandatory Workers' Training from
 9am to 12pm



SUNDAY

Early Service 8:30am
Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Service 11:00am
Choir Practice 4:30pm
Prayer Meeting 5:30pm
Evening Service 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Teen Meeting6:15pmChildren's Service7:00pmBible Study & Prayer7:00pm

SOUL-WINNING & VISITATION

Wednesday 3:30pm Saturday 10:00am

VICTORY OVER A BESETTING SIN

James 1:13-18 | Pastor T. H. Moore

Por the past few weeks, we have been dealing with subject of victory over a besetting sin. In James 1:14-15, we read, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

When the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary, He accomplished two things with regards to our sin. He delivered us from the penalty of sin—hell, and He delivered us from the power of sin. We read in Romans 6:14, "For sin shall not have dominion over you." If you are a Christian, then God has enabled us to get victory over any sin! We must simply, "reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." We must believe by faith that God has given us the victory.

Last week, we looked at:

I. The Conquering of Sin (Romans 6:8-12)

This week, let's consider:

II. The Confessing of Sin (1 John 1:9)

The next step in getting victory over a besetting sin is to do what God says in 1 John 1:9. We read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This is a place where many Christians fail today. The word "confess" is translated from the Greek word homologeo. This is a compound word. "Homo" means "the same" and "logos" means "word", or "something said". So to confess means to say the same. In other

words, it means to say the same thing about our sin that God does. So in order for me to get that forgiveness that God promises in the second half of the verse in 1 John 1:9, we have to do what is found in the first half of the verse. I must first say what God says about that sin. What is that? That what I am doing is dishonoring to Him, evil and shameful. Most of the time, we excuse away our sin, or blame someone else for our actions or reactions, or we feel bad that we got caught. We can even accept our sin as something

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that everybody does, or that it is not as bad as the things that other people are doing. Any of these excuses is not true biblical confession. The Lord Jesus said in Luke 16:15, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts". There are two things that are required for a true confession of sin to occur.

A. Humility (1 Peter 5:5)

We read in 1 Peter 5:5, "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble". Humility is the absence of pride. Pride is basically an elevation of self. Admitting that

we are engaging in sinful behavior requires humility. Humility gives us a right view of ourselves and our sin.

B. Honesty (2 Cor. 8:21)

We read in 2 Corinthians 8:21, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." We must be honest with God and honest with ourselves. Without these two things, we will never confess our sins. Perhaps one of the greatest examples in the Bible of true confession is found in Psalm 51:1-19. Notice some of the things that we read him say. In verse 3-4, "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight". Then in verse 10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." After Nathan the prophet confronted King David about his sin of adultery with Bathsheeba, David became broken over himself and was deeply ashamed of his sinful behavior. He does not blame anyone but himself for his actions.

Confession is more than just being sorry for getting caught, or sorry that you caused so much trouble for others, or even sorry for the consequences that you must face. It is a deep rooted acknowledgment that you have offended a holy, omniscient God. Once we confess our sin, we must then forsake it. When confession is a true biblical confession, then forsaking it will be easy. When we see our sin as God sees it, that sin will become repulsive to us and we will want to stay as far away from it as possible!

Join us in prayer for...

- * EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH: Reid family; financial support; literature distribution; Get-Acquainted Meetings (March 29th April 2nd)
- BUILDING RENOVATION: God's guidance and wisdom
- , LILA CHILDRES: recovering at home
- , PAM CORDREY: cancer and mother's cancer
- SCOT & KATIE DAKU: safety while on furlough; increased support
- , KENZIE DIEGO: possible virus
- , JIM DUNN: eye surgery on February 17th
- HEISHMAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER, ELLIE: heart complications
- DORIS HUTCHINSON: recovering at home
- , IAN GONZALEZ' COUSIN, IRIS: heart transplant needed
- , NANCY PERETIATKO: low heart rate
- , HEATHER REECE: recovery from chemo
- LES SUTTON: in Delmar Nursing Home



TERRY MEDLIN-JOHNSON
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Terry has recently been dealing with some health issues. You can be a blessing to her this week by praying for her.





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From the Mission Field

MIKE & KATRINA REID - UNITED KINGDOM

December 2014

Dear Pastor, Church Family & Praying Friends,

We send you our warmest greetings from this cold, damp, and spiritually dark Island called Great Britain. I am sure you will agree with us that it is difficult to believe we have come to the close of another year. Katrina and I are thankful for God's provision and blessing, as we have strived to win the lost, and glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Katrina and I also extend our thoughts and prayers as you enter this Christmas season, trusting you will have a wonderful time of ministry and fellowship with family and friends. It is an honour to be part of your mission's team; please know that you are an **encouragement** to us as you pray for our needs.

There are five main prayer requests for your consideration this month.

- 1. We are hosting a Church meal, on Friday, December 5th. Again, we are inviting everyone in the community around the church building as well as people that have difficulty getting out, like the elderly and infirmed. Transportation is available, and prayer for safety is appreciated.
- 2. December 14th, we are having our own choir sing in the morning service. Katrina has been working with several people in the church and they have been busy practicing. Many invitations have been delivered

and we are praying for a good crowd to come and listen to the Christmas story.

- 3. December 14th in the evening service, we are having a candlelight service and the children will be doing their Christmas presentations.
- 4. December 15th, Katrina and I are flying to California for our Daughter Damaris' wedding. She is marrying Ryan Cavin on January 3 at Liberty Baptist Church Newport Beach California, where she teaches and Ryan is youth Pastor.
- 5. Following the wedding in California, we will travel to southern Ontario in Canada where we have one month of meetings scheduled before our return flight home in February.

The next two months will be busy and exciting. Please pray for these requests, as well as our church here, whilst we are away. Pastor Moore is overseeing the work and we have speakers scheduled until our return.

As is commonly heard here in the United Kingdom, "Happy Christmas" Michael & Katrina

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