

# THE DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH!

## XII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

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thereby being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; Acts 2:37; "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart (guilt), and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do (helplessness)? " Luke 18:13; "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful (danger) to me a sinner." Psalm 51:1-4; "Have mercy (danger) upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions (helplessness). Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and

**my sin is ever before me (guilt). Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.** (Written by David after Nathan confronted him with His sin. II Samuel 12:1-14;) Psalm 51:7: "**Purge me with hyssop** (a little shrub with which the blood and water of purification were applied [Leviticus 14:1-7; Numbers 19:1-19] picturing to cleanse one from the guilt of sin [C.r. Scofield Bible- page 623), **and I shall be clean: wash me** (the water pictures cleansing from the defilement of sin [John 13:10; Ephesians 5:25-26;] C.I. Scofield), **and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confessing Him as our only and all-sufficient Saviour.** John 1:12; "**But as many as received Him** (Jesus Christ) **to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.**" Romans 10:13; "**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**" Luke 12:8; "**Also I (Jesus) say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.**" Romans 10:9-11; "**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him (Jesus Christ) shall not be ashamed.**"

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