

“GUILT”

1. Conviction of sin, the results of it.

A. Unrest. *Psalm 32:3* When I kept silent [about my sin], my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.

B. Burden of the soul. *Psalm 38:4* For my iniquities are gone over my head; As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.

C. Misery. *Psalm 51:3* For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 73:21 When my heart was embittered, And I was pierced within,

John 16:8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

D. Sting of conscience. *Acts 2:37* Now when they heard [this], they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Acts 16:29 And he called for lights and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas,

E. Terror. *Acts 24:25* And as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you."

2. Condemnation.

A. Self-condemnation. *Job 9:20* "Though I am righteous, my mouth will condemn me; Though I am guiltless, He will declare me guilty.

Luke 19:22 "He said to him, 'By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow?"

John 8:9 And when they heard it, they [began] to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst.

Romans 2:1 Therefore you are without excuse, every man [of you] who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

1 John 3:20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

B. The men under it. *2 Samuel 24:10* Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

Job 42:6 Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes. "

Psalm 31:10 For my life is spent with sorrow, And my years with sighing; My strength has failed because of my iniquity, And my body has wasted away.

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Ezekiel 33:10 "Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus you have spoken, saying,' Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive? '"

3. Contrition.

A. Contrition is the feeling of remorse for sins committed. *Psalm 34:18* The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell [on] a high and holy place, And [also] with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 66:2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

2 Corinthians 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to [the will of] God produces a repentance without regret, [leading] to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

4. Confession.

A. Confession is being specific and honest with God concerning sins committed. *Leviticus 16:21*

"Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send [it] away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who [stands] in readiness.

Numbers 5:7 then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong, and add to it one-fifth of it, and give[it] to him whom he has wronged.

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes [them] will find compassion.

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

5. Confidence.

A. A promise from God. *Isaiah 1:18* "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

B. If you are not a Christian. *Acts 2:38* And Peter [said] to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C. If you are a Christian. *Acts 8:22* "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

D. Wow! What confidence. *1 John 5:14* And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

A gentle warning!

Psalm 32:6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not reach him.