

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Confessing our sins is a message that has long become outdated in the church today. We have evolved today into 'name it and claim it.' We are looking for verses that don't offend, ones that make us feel good. Many pastors across our land have watered down the truth, because they found that people will leave or stop giving, if they don't. Miracles, signs and wonders are no longer as prevalent as they were years earlier. People are becoming more and more dull in their hearing, less sensitive in listening to the inner voice inside. Sin has become something we snicker at and repentance a lost art. Why?? Because we have compromised the truth; we have become more interested in what another thinks of us, than we are in what our Lord thinks.

Many traditional denominations have compromised to the point where they are selling lies in order to draw people back. They claim that homosexuality is OK. God understands, and He loves you just as you are. They love them alright; they love them straight to hell. Instead of people confessing sins as we are exhorted here by James, people have come to where they are trying to fit their sin into their faith. What is even more shocking, if such a thing could be possible; are denominations setting homosexuals who are open about their sin, into places of key leadership. They claim that somehow God has evolved from Sodom and Gomorrah to today. Church if this is true, then God will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah at Judgment Day!! The truth is, church we have to start dealing with the sin in our lives, before we will ever have an impact in the rest of the world. If we are trying to play down sin, then we will have NO impact in our generation.

This scripture speaks of confessing and then praying for one another. James doesn't even begin to think that he needs to remind us not to judge each other as well. Immature believers need to grow up, and stop spreading what they know about one another; especially when it was done through ministry or confession. To do so, is nothing more than character assassination! This form of hypocrisy has to die in the church!

Lastly, James tells us that the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. He even goes on further in the chapter to tell the story of Elijah, when he commanded that it not rain for forty-two months. Do you think that such power is possible today? I do, but there is a price that is paid as well. You have to completely sell out to Jesus Christ if you are ever going to be a part of such a ministry. When the Bible says confess, then confess all. If it says to forgive, then forgive all. Lastly when we are told to love, then love all. If we would simply obey our Lord as He has commanded us, we would turn this world upside down for Jesus Christ. No longer would the Muslim religion be the fastest growing religion in the world! It only is, because we have allowed it through sin and complacency. I exhort you today, give Jesus everything. Don't hold back anything that He is asking from you. It will radically change your life!