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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)*

The LORD of love is also the LORD of forgiveness. It is because of His great love that He has made a way for our sins to be covered and forgiven. There are three significant things to know about this forgiveness. The first is that we must be willing to confess our sins to Him. To confess, we must be willing to admit that we were wrong. Have you noticed how difficult it is for us as humans to admit that we've done something wrong. We, more often than not, try to justify our wrong doing, by trying to put the blame elsewhere. Just read **Gen. 3:8-13** and notice that instead of confessing their sins, Adam and Eve looked to place the blame somewhere else: *Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."* Did you notice that neither one of them confessed their own fault, but instead blamed the LORD Himself? But, because they were not willing to confess, they paid the price of having to leave the perfect place that God had made for them. They were separated from the presence of the LORD. But here is the good news and it is found in the two other significant things: If we will confess, He is faithful to *forgive us our sins* and *purify us from all unrighteousness*. Forgiveness and purification show us that God is willing to do His part. In fact, He has already proved this through the sacrifice He made upon the cross. Are you willing to admit your sin and come to the Savior? If so, He will faithfully forgive.

Dear LORD, thank You for Your forgiveness when we confess, and Your faithfulness to justify and purify us from our sin debt. It is through the blood of Jesus that we find our salvation. We praise You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen