

CONFESS



SEPARATION
Sin leads to separation and brokenness.

God is at work in our lives to help us become aware of sin.

How do we know that we have sinned?

CONVICT
Become aware of sin and the harm it has caused.

Our Conscience

ATONE
Take actions to repair or restore that which was broken.

How do I right the wrong caused by sin?

Acts of atonement are dependent on what is being repaired.

CONFESS
Name and admit our sin and seek forgiveness.

Is it enough to know that we have sinned?

Tools to help us repent:

- Scripture
- The Law
- The Spirit
- The Faithful

REPENT
Stop the behavior or actions that caused harm. Change your behavior to align with God's way.

The Life of Jesus

personal

Confession means: accept responsibility for our actions and the actions of our community; acknowledge the hurt caused; desire to change; seek forgiveness from the one injured

Who receives our confession?

- God
- Community
- The Injured
- Self

God listens to our confessions and offers forgiveness.

RECONCILE
Restore the relationship with the one(s) injured by sin.

Reconciliation can look like:

- trust restored
- community strengthens
- wrongs made right

What if I cannot repair what was broken? Reconciliation may not always be possible.

In Christ, God reconciled all things.

How do I right the wrong caused by sin?

- Listening and learning
- Stopping others from making the same mistake
- Repairing what was broken
- Advocating for change
- Doing justice
- Returning what was taken

The Holy Spirit guides our actions.

Caring for creation

Ultimate Reconciliation:
The repair of all things and the elimination of sin is accomplished by God.

Reconciliation does not mean we can just sin again. We continue to sin, sin against, and seek efforts.

