

COME CLEAN

Nehemiah 9:31

-Sunday, October 3, 2021-

Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

That great African forefather Augustine said “the confession of evil works is the beginning of good works. And that’s an essential principle of the Christian faith. There can be no clearance without confession. Confession is not telling God something that He doesn’t already know. Confession is turning the abyss that divides into a bridge that delivers!

Transition: And that’s where we find ourselves in this text today. Revival is taking place amongst the people of God. God is moving. God is rescuing. God is renewing. They’ve been in worship day after day. And studying the word from morning till evening. (Let me just say that study and worship is not just a Sunday thing) And in our text this morning the people respond with confession.

CONFESS YOUR SINS

- a. It was in worship that the people began to confess their sins.
- b. By nature of who we are as sinners saved by grace confession is not easy. Three of the hardest words for us to say sometimes is “I WAS WRONG.”
- c. In the text, the people confess the sins of their ancestors. This is huge!

CONFESS YOUR WEAKNESS

- a. It’s powerful to note how we measure strength and weakness. BUT THE FUNNY THING IS, in the text, it was when Israel was strong by those measurements that they were at their weakest!
- b. We’ve got to learn to be ever dependent upon the Lord. *They that wait upon the Lord, He will renew their strength... STOP RIGHT THERE... How does our strength get renewed? BY WAITING ON THE LORD AND LETTING HIM STRENGTHEN YOU.*

CONFESS GOD’S LOVE

- a. YOU CAN’T OUT-SIN GOD’S LOVE! C.S. Lewis said it like this “God loves us not because we are lovable but because He is love. God loves us not because He needs to receive it but because He delights in giving it.”

