

# Lesson 11: The Absolution, pt. 2

## (Office of the Keys and the Ministry, pt. 1)

Then the Minister shall pronounce the Absolution:

**Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. [Verses below]**  
**℟: Amen.**

What is the basis for this Absolution according to the pastor's words?

What is the import of his 'office'? Called? Ordained?

If this is "in the stead" of Christ, whose words is the pastor speaking? What is the pastor's 'role'? What does this say about the 'quality' or 'reality' of this absolution?

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*Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you! Matthew 9:2*

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### What does the Bible teach about Confession?

**2 Sam 12:13** Then David said to Nathan, "**I have sinned against the LORD.**" And Nathan said to David, "**The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.**"

**1 John 1:9** If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins.

### THESE WORDS OF GOD TEACH US:

Confession properly consists of two parts:

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(Rome would add another part, \_\_\_\_\_, while Fundamentalists would take away part \_\_\_\_\_ and modernists/theological liberals would take away part \_\_\_\_\_.)

### What should we confess?

(a) **Luke 11:4** (Our Father, who art in Heaven... give us **this day** our **daily** bread... )  
**forgive us our sins.**

(a) **Psa 19:12** Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from **secret faults.**

(a) **1 John 1:9** If we **confess** our sins, **He** is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins.

(b) **James 5:16** Confess your trespasses **to one another.**

(b) **Mat 5:23,24** If you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that **your brother has something against you**, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother**, and then come and offer your gift.

(b) **Col 3:13** (Bearing with one another.) and **forgiving one another**, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

(c) **Mat 3:5,6** Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to (John the Baptizer) and were baptized by him in the Jordan, **confessing their sins.**