

## Does the Confessional Work?

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**No.**

One of the sticking points that launched the reformation back in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and created the split from Roman-ism into Protestantism, was the practice of the corrupt Roman pagan Christian Church selling indulgences. Paying an indulgence allowed a person to buy off their “sin-debt” with money; to do penance for their sins with a cash payment, and this presumably absolved them of all their sins. Well, not really, as this is just something someone made up. It’s like Mormonism that teaches their men will be god’s in heaven, having many celestial wives, and eternal, perpetual sex. Indulgences and heavenly sex are not in the Bible and not biblical concepts i.e., just made-up stuff.

So, Martin Luther, a Catholic priest in the late 1500’s, protested the act of the perverse church selling indulgences, among many other things. All Luther wanted was to simply open a dialogue on the subject. He got a lot more than he bargained for. Long story short, Luther was forced to leave the Roman Church on threat of death, but he never stopped being a Catholic. He simply became a Catholic outside the Roman Church, still believing and following the Roman religion based on Augustine’s flawed, fanciful, humanistic theology.

In time, the Roman Church moved away from their “fee-based” forgiveness model, but the concept lives on today in the confessional. If you feel guilty about something you did, or said, or thought, you can go to a confessional – a wooden armorer of sorts - and tell a priest sitting inside what’s on your mind. The priest will give you your penance, usually prayers you must pray. Once you pray your prayers, and that on the honor system, your sins are forgiven. Again, not really, as this is just one of the many made-up traditions that have no basis in Bible fact. In essence, this religion holds to many beliefs, traditions, superstitions, and practices that are pure fiction. This is one of them.

It would not surprise me if they soon move their confession thing online, where you log in with your password, choose your category of sin, select the closest appropriate transgression, then the auto attendant dispenses your penance. Makes since to me, and it is just as goofy as what they’re doing now. It would just stream-line the process. Maybe they could add a chat box with an operator in the Philippians for the really hard sins. You could get fuel points for your patronage. Or, sign up for online communion: “**You’ve got Grace!**”

One of the downsides of easy forgiveness is that it promotes easy sin. After all, you can do whatever you like and it will only cost you a few prayers. Lying, cheating, stealing, fornication, adultery, etc, all wiped away without a trace and you are good as gold. You guessed it, not really. This is Satan’s lie. He wants you to sin with abandon and without forgiveness, remain in your sins, feel free to sin without penalty, and thereby ruin your life, the lives of others, and your eternity.

**Fun Fact:** The concept of the confessional is much the same as baptism. You getting wet, in whatever way at what ever age, does nothing for you. You, believing that baptism saves your soul in some way is a satanic lie that keeps people from turning to God and receiving the truth so as to be saved. This scam has cost the eternity of billions of souls past and present.

Instead, what is needed is a changed life from the inside out. That is the power of God’s Spirit working in an individual. It is this spiritual indwelling that differentiates the Body of Christ from all the false, worthless, fortune-cookie religions of the world, including Christianity - Protestantism and

Catholicism. Once you turn to God in faith, the reconciliation Christ secured on your behalf is accounted to you for righteousness. God no longer sees your sin. He sees Christ's sacrifice. You can't get that from a guy wearing a dress sitting in a wooden box, or in any way from any religion in the world. Only in a relationship with God.

If you understand the Bible, you know that the confessional and the priest of any religion is not of God, and no one's sins are forgiven or removed because someone says so. Men who call themselves by some religious title, and dress-up in some ridiculous costume reminiscent of the pagan priesthood, have no power at all, let alone the power to forgive the transgressions of another. This is simply a tradition: something someone made up out of thin air a very long time ago when the church hid all the Bibles. This act of you confessing your sins to a priest-in-a-box will **not** give you forgiveness in the sight of God as we are, and will always be, guilty of sin.

**Fun Fact:** And while we're at it, communion does not "infuse grace" into a person. That is just more made-up stuff that has no biblical credibility and does absolutely nothing for you. It is one more lie of many satanic placebos meant to ease your conscience, but can never fix the source of the problem or bring you to God.

We all have a fallen nature and are capable of sin at any time and all the time going forward. This is why there is a separation between God and man. This is why there is Christ, and reconciliation to bring God and man back together.

The Bible says we are all sinners in need of real forgiveness that false religions pretend to offer, but cannot. Religion must pretend to have some magic powers to sell you, otherwise they have nothing to hold over your head and there would be no reason for to patronize their store. By the way, their requirement that you give them money is bogus as well - not in the Bible. Just more flimflam, and that is a good term for all their phony-baloney religious quackery.

Christ died for our sins that we might find justification before God. Justification is "just as if we never sinned". Once we turn to God, we receive God's Spirit to indwell within us. The Spirit convicts us of our sins by revealing the truth. You need only confess your sins to God. Think of it as going straight to the source and cutting out the middle-man.

#### **Colossians 1:**

**12 ¶ Giving thanks unto the Father...**

**13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son:**

**14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:**

If you are counting on infant baptism, adult baptism, tithing, communion, prayers of various sorts, statues, beads, works, good deeds, candles, saints, little statues and figurines on a chain or hanging from your car mirror, a Jesus god or a Mary goddess, and guys dressed up in costumes to protect your soul from eternal loss, you might want to rethink your plan as none of these things individually or collectively will do anything for you.

Forget these false religions with their false gospels and false gods. and the rest of their phony-baloney. Turn to the one, real, true, Almighty Creator God. Receive His Spirit and a new life, and the washing away of all your sins. Understand the Bible and know the truth that will set you free.

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