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The Bible tells us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.." (Heb. 4:16). NO ONE has to know what we've done if we don't wish to confess to anyone ; all we have to do is confess our sins to God, alone. Now, under grace, our sins are no longer covered but REMOVED PERMANENTLY!

There aren't any rules or rituals to follow to absolve us from sin because Jesus already paid ALL our debt! The Bible tells us "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Is. 53:5). So, we're FULLY covered by the price He paid on the cross! We're covered from rebellion, covered from sin, covered from punishment, covered for our peace of mind. There's nothing left to do to be absolved when He paid it all on the cross!

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The Lord says in His Word, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be as white as wool ." (Is. 1:18). We can depend on His Word and believe with all our heart that God washes us from the inside out! He takes our sins and tosses it as far as the end of the sea and remembers no more. All He asks is to confess our sins to Him, accept Him in your heart and separate yourself from doing wrong. Perfect we will never be: You can count on that!

But, when we do wrong, confess to Him and He will forgive you. Live your life as best you can away from sin, rely on Him to help you with your weaknesses, and ask Him to forgive you. God will free you from your conscience, free you from your sins, free you from your shame, free you from your sorrows and regrets...YES! Jesus will cleanse you from the inside out!

Do you want to take the step of faith and ask God for forgiveness? Do you want to make a commitment today to start a new life with Him? Do you resign from practicing wrong things and commit to doing good and Live for Jesus? Do you want to be cleansed by Jesus?

If you said YES, you may want to say a prayer like this: **Father, I confess that I've done wrong in my life and express my need for a Savior. I open my heart today and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Personal Savior. As I make a commitment to abandon my wrong ways, I ask You to give me strength and courage to live a life pleasing to You. Help me in my weaknesses. Write my name in your Lamb's Book of life and be with me FOREVER. Amen.**

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