

5. WHEN YOU ARE THE OFFENDER

1. Any hesitancy to repent, confess your sins, and seek forgiveness is *dangerous* (cf. Ps. 32; Heb. 3:13).
2. The need to pursue reconciliation takes precedence even over worship (Matt. 5:23–26; cf. Ps. 51:17). God himself may act in a chastening judgment (1 Cor. 11:29–32).
3. What about Psalm 51:4? "*Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...*" Does this erase the need for human interpersonal reconciliation?
4. "Heart sins" need not be confessed to another human person, but...
5. There are other transgressions, unknown to other parties that must nevertheless be confessed to them in seeking forgiveness.

7. Conclusion —

If you are the offender who has brought about a rift in a relationship between yourself and another ... you are obligated to go. And you must go quickly. When you go, however, do not go justifying your sin. ... No, stick entirely to your own sin. ... Later on, if there are offenses against you that you want to get cleared up, you can talk to the brother or sister about them. (Adams, 59)