

## THE TRANSACTION OF GOSPEL LOVE - REPENTANCE

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### INTRODUCTION

1. Col 3:12-14 - *put on new man, forbearing & forgiving*. We deal w/ sin: our expertise as Xns: forbear [Eph 4:1-3] & forgive [Eph 4:32-5:2].

2. At what pt do we transition from forbearing sin to forgiving sin? Wisdom.

i. Concern for sin b/c sin brings death [Jms 1:15b]. Unresolved sin kills intimacy, murders rlnshps.

ii. When death [separation] threatens rlnshp; restore w/ gospel transaction

iii. The degree of intimacy required is a factor.

3. "Transaction" = exchange of gospel commodities - 2 parties trade in the commerce of gospel.

4. Col 3:12-14 - disposition - transition to transaction: *just as the Lord forgave you, so also shld you*. Transact - re-enact conversion w/ erring bro/sister.

### 1st: The Transaction of Gospel Love - Repentance

Pro 28:13. Use Ken Sande *The Peacemaker: 7 A's of confession*

1. **Address everyone involved**

2. **Avoid "if" "but" "maybe"**

3. **Admit Specifically** - see sin as God sees sin. Conscience - 1Jn 3:4; 1:9

4. **Apologize**

5. **Accept the Consequences** - Lk 19:8

6. **Alter Your Behavior** - A 26:20

7. **Ask for Forgiveness**

### Applic #1: Pursue Mature Gospel-Defined Discipleship

1. Beware of passive blameshifting & victimhood - Ex 33:24

2. Not minimize sin - leper wants entire body cleansed.

3. **Courage**: do what is right, confident in HS in bro/sis. Take the risk to love - even if other person does not engage in gospel love [Ps 51:4a; Rm 12:18].

4. Eph 4:3- *being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace* - be urgent, rush towards, hurry up & give all your effort; w/ *humility & gentleness w/ patience* [v2].

5. If we don't exercise muscles of confession//repentance, we'll remain immature & relationally stunted.

### Applic #2: Pursue Honest Gospel-Defined Relationships

1. Culture avoids "conscience" but every societal issue concerns conscience.

2. Confessing sin engages conscience. Jms 5:15; 1Jn 1:9; Eph 4:32; Mt 6:12.

3. Should we confess sin to unbelievers? Rm 12:17b-18.

i. Can obtain conscientious placation of conflict - peace.

ii. May attract to Prince of peace.

4. Do you have any relationships which could be repaired were you to own & confess sin & then demonstrate fruit of repentance?