## **Receive God's Forgiveness**

Psalm 32:5; Isaiah 1:18; Romans 10:9,10

In Psalm 32, the psalmist David recounted a hard time in his life when he tried to live with concealed, unconfessed sins. Eventually he reached rock bottom: he had no peace, no rest, and his health was declining. The turning point came when he confessed his sins and asked God for forgiveness. David described that moment this way in verse 5:

I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Whether or not you have been trying to conceal sins, perhaps you know that things are not right between you and God. You realize it's time to ask His forgiveness and receive Him as Lord and Savior. In your heart you know this would bring much needed peace and assurance into your life.

Romans 10:9,10 declares, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

Are you ready to pray this prayer today? Ask Jesus to forgive you, believe in His sacrifice for your sins, and confess Him as Lord of your life. Receive His forgiveness and you will discover the joy and reality of His presence and peace.

Is there a sin in your life that you've kept concealed for a long time?

What steps do you need to take to get out from under any guilt or shame you feel because of that sin?

