### **GOD'S PLAN OF FORGIVENESS**

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### Review

- Forgiveness Begins With Sin
- Forgiveness is NOT Free: Atonement
- Forgive as God Forgives...

## Confront

Jesus clearest teachings on forgiveness:

- Matthew 18:15
- Luke 17:3-4

**How** We Confront

- Eph 4:15
  - Eph 4:29
  - Rom 14:19

What are some elements of confronting sin biblically?

#### **Forbear**

What are some elements of forbearance, biblically?

## **Biblical Forgiveness is Conditional**

# Confession

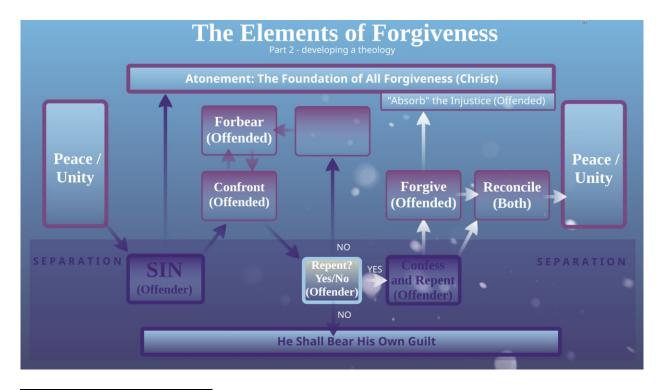
• Confession in Scripture (Pr 28:13; Rom 19:9-10; 1 Jn 1:9; Jas 5:16

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- Confession in Greek (homologeo) means...
- "The Seven A's" of confession<sup>1</sup>
  - o Address
  - Avoid
  - Admit
  - Acknowledge
  - Accept
  - Alter
  - o Ask

# The Elements of Forgiveness



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From Ken Sande, *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004), Chapter 6 - "Confession Brings Freedom"