

#### **MEMORY VERSE #4: ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Although victory over temptation is rightfully yours, you may fail. When you sin, you may think, “Now I’ve done it. I’m supposed to be a Christian but Christians don’t do those things, do they?”

Nevertheless, God makes provision in His Word for the failures of His children, and so the fourth passage speaks of the Assurance of Forgiveness, *1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9*: “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and purify us from all unrighteousness.*”

To confess a sin means to uncover it by calling it exactly what God calls it.

Implicit in honest confession is the willingness to forsake the sin (*Proverbs 28:13*). God promises not only to forgive us, but also to cleanse us. What a gracious provision!