

Ezra 9-10 • Personal & Corporate Responsibility

1. (v.1-4) The main issue involved is really that of “**sanctification**”, being set apart exclusively to God’s Word and ways alone.
2. (v.5-7) When the “**innocent**” remain silent, they actually become part of the **guilty**.
3. (v.8-9) The grace of God just doesn’t **ignore** the situation, but provides a **remedy**:
 - a. The opportunity to **make confession**.
 - b. The opportunity to **build upon His will**.
 - c. The opportunity to **be separated to Him**.
4. (v.10-15) Personal reconciliation begins with **sincere repentance** from the heart and acknowledgment of **personal sin**. It does not seek to be excused, but given over to God’s grace.
5. (v.10:7-12) All three of the following actions need to be present whether it’s a matter of personal or corporate reconciliation:
 - a. **Make confession**.
 - b. **Do His will**.
 - c. **Separate yourselves**.
6. (v.10:13-14) Obedience to God’s Word and ways is essential in addressing sin. We can’t create “**innocent victims**” in the process of making things right.

Points of Application

1. If we witness another Believer’s sin, we are accountable for our **lack of action**.
2. The process of **sanctification** isn’t exclusively a personal experience; it’s for the whole group as well.
3. God’s grace isn’t about overlooking faults or shortcomings, but providing the opportunity to **recognize** and **address** them.
4. When you have **God’s Word**, you don’t need signs or wonders. What has already been revealed is enough. **Obedience** is the greater “sign”.