

# Psalms

## *Worship regulated by the Word – Christ in the Psalms*

Psalm 51 – *Rest in the abundant mercy of God in Christ!*

**Theme:** David *confesses* his sin and *repents*, pleading for forgiveness and restoration, and *praising* God for His mercy in Christ.

**Outline:**

*Five ways David responds to his sin and misery and finds rest in Christ:*

- I. David seeks refuge in the mercy of God (51:1-2)
- II. David confesses his sin (51:3-6)
- III. David pleads for cleansing (51:7-12)
- IV. David vows to offer renewed service (51:13-17)
- V. David prays for restoration (51:18-19)

**Observations:**

1. Psalm 51 teaches us that all of the Christian life is to be one of repentance. God is rich in mercy and abundantly pardons in Christ. (1 John 1:9)
2. The context of this psalm points to the cross where Christ bore our sins (including David's) and satisfied the justice of God. (Romans 3:21-26)
3. David teaches us how to confess our sins and appropriate God's forgiveness.
4. Fight for joy in Christ and be satisfied in Him! (Verse 12)
5. Forgiven sinners call others to trust in God. (Verse 13)

**Notes:**