

Christianity has an interesting and mind-boggling caveat. – We are commanded to be **confessional** regarding our guilt (our spiritual crimes – sin). Yet, we are also assured that no accusation against us will stand in judgment because of the efficacy of repentance and the redeeming power of the blood of Jesus Christ (Ro. 8:1, Eph. 1:17, Col. 1:14). What a great arrangement for the elect. Only Christians have this exceptional covering (Ac. 4:12). This may even sound a bit *elitist* or discriminatory to some.

Yet *all* persons, regardless of ethnic group, nationality, or gender are inclusively, without bigotry, welcomed to, even commanded by God to join and become part of the elect. This is done by acknowledging our sins, including sins of hypocrisy, which every person has committed, repenting of them and accepting Jesus' saviorship and lordship in our lives, and to partake of the riches of all that God has promised, if only we would accept this universal calling (Ac. 17:30, 2:39).

In our earlier installment, we forthrightly exhorted Christians to acknowledge and face their guilt relating to hypocrisy and to change. There is no reason for any cover-ups, for we know that Jesus will fully cover us upon confession and repentance. The typical Christian has heard so many fine sermons against practicing *accusatorial hypocrisy* that I will not attempt to elaborate further on Christian deficiencies in this area.

This challenge goes both ways, for Christians and for non-Christians. Now it is time to address that **accusatorial** environment in which Christians often find themselves in, particularly from non-Christians. It seems that some moderns feel that non-Christians have a patent on 'the right to accuse Christians', especially *accusing* Christians of being *accusative*. It is often those who are themselves engorged with the spirit of accusation and hypocrisy, who so eagerly accuse Christians of such. – Now, what term describes such conduct? It seems that 'open season' on accusing Christians has become almost pandemic, even *sheik* within our modern society.

We will continue this discussion in next week's article.