

**TYRANTS**

**AND**

**SERPENTS**

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- a. “For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*” -1 Peter 4:3-4

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# So must the Son of Man be lifted up

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.” -

John 3:14-15

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  - c. Once identified, we need to continually and honestly confess it to God
    - i. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us” -1 John 1:8-10

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3. Look to Jesus for healing from sin by continual and honest confession