When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. (Psalms 32:3-4)

Thou [art] my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. (Psalms 32:7)

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all [ye that are] upright in heart. (Psalms 32:11)

The only difference between the miserable man in verses 3 and 4, and the rejoicing one in verses 7 through 11, is verse 5:

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. (Psalms 32:5)

There have been no physical, financial, social or political changes, just confession and forgiveness of sin. Amazing! A child of God may have personal revival from the doldrums any time. The great gospel benediction of Psalm 32:1-3:

Blessed [is he whose] transgression [is] forgiven, [whose] sin [is] covered.

Blessed [is] the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit [there is] no guile.

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

and Romans 4:7-8:

[Saying], Blessed [are] they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed [is] the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

belongs only to admitted and confessed scoundrels, sinners. We are the only living creatures to know the joy of having our sins, real as they are, covered, put away, not charged against us. What a gospel! What a salvation! What a Saviour!

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