

In July 2015 and June 2016 candidate Donald Trump talked about his faith. What he said is printed below. Go to <https://calthomas.com/node/985> for complete interview. For the complete Eugene Scott article go to: <https://www.cnn.com/2015/07/18/politics/trump-has-never-sought-forgiveness/index.html>

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CT: My grandparents used to play a parlor game. It went like this: Tell me who you are without telling me your name or what you do. We have seen your tough exterior, but who are you at your core and what is your basic philosophy and worldview?

DT: I am a person who grew up with two wonderful parents and a wonderful family and a person who has done well in life. I went to great schools. Wharton School, a lot of great places. Education is very important. I think I understand education. I think I . . .

*. . .CT: Yes, I know that. You have said you never felt the need to ask for God's forgiveness, and yet repentance for one's sins is a precondition to salvation. I ask you the question Jesus asked of Peter: Who do you say He is?*

*DT: I will be asking for forgiveness, but hopefully I won't have to be asking for much forgiveness. As you know, I am Presbyterian and Protestant. I've had great relationships and developed even greater relationships with ministers. We have tremendous support from the*

By Eugene Scott, CNN

Trump believes in God, but hasn't sought forgiveness.

(CNN)Donald Trump talked about his Christian faith Saturday, but said he's never sought forgiveness for his sins.

Trump, who also made headlines for questioning Arizona Sen. John McCain's heroism Saturday, made the comments about his faith during a Q&A at the Family Leadership Summit in Ames, Iowa.

The event is a gathering sponsored by several socially-conservative Christian organizations, including the Family Research Council, a socially conservative lobbying organization; Liberty University, the world's largest evangelical university; and the National Organization for Marriage, a group established to prevent the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Trump, who told CNN earlier that he is both anti-abortion and anti-same-sex marriage, said people are surprised to learn about his Christian faith.

*"People are so shocked when they find ... out I am Protestant. I am Presbyterian. And I go to church and I love God and I love my church," he said.*

*Moderator Frank Luntz asked Trump*

*clergy. I think I will be doing very well during the election with evangelicals and with Christians. In the Middle East — and this is prior to the migration — you had almost no chance of coming into the United States. Christians from Syria, of which there were many, many of their heads ... chopped off. If you were a Muslim from Syria, it was one of the easiest places to come in (to the U.S.). I thought that was deplorable. I'm going to treat my religion, which is Christian, with great respect and care.*

*CT: Who do you say Jesus is?*

*DT: Jesus to me is somebody I can think about for security and confidence. Somebody I can revere in terms of bravery and in terms of courage and, because I consider the Christian religion so important, somebody I can totally rely on in my own mind.*

*whether he has ever asked God for forgiveness for his actions.*

*"I am not sure I have. I just go on and try to do a better job from there. I don't think so," he said. "I think if I do something wrong, I think, I just try and make it right. **I don't bring God into that picture. I don't.**"*

*Trump said that while he hasn't asked God for forgiveness, he does participate in Holy Communion.*

*"When I drink my little wine -- which is about the only wine I drink -- and have my little cracker, I guess that is a form of asking for forgiveness, and I do that as often as possible because I feel cleansed," he said. "I think in terms of 'let's go on and let's make it right.'"*

### **Acts 8:18-22 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money

<sup>19</sup> and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

<sup>20</sup> Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!

<sup>21</sup> You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.

<sup>22</sup> Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

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