

# OUR CONFESSION

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### INTRODUCTION:

Last week our focus was on death and life being in the power of the tongue, and how what we decree is what is established in our lives. Tonight, our focus is on the place confession holds in our lives. Without a proper understanding of confession, we can give place to foolishness and presumption.

### THE GREAT CONFESSION

1. Confessing Jesus as Lord is the very heart of Christianity. **MT. 10:32**
  - A. Confession is more than verbal agreement. Homologeō means to confess or speak a conclusion. To say the same thing, declare or admit.
  - B. We confess our allegiance to Christ, and He confesses us to be His loyal followers.
  - C. Jesus is the High Priest of our confession. **HEB. 3:1** Our confession is based on a deep conviction of facts, not repeating the words of another.
  - D. Confession is affirming something we believe, testifying to something we know, and witnessing for a truth we have embraced.
    - Trying to confess what others believe has caused much of the confusion that exists in the “Word Of Faith” movement.
    - Confessing about things we don’t know is like testifying in a court of law about things we haven’t seen or heard.
2. Different aspects of our confession.
  - A. Confession unto salvation. **ROM. 10:8-10**
    - The man who said all the right things but refused to confess Jesus as Lord. He was just repeating what he learned.
  - B. Confession unto forgiveness. **1 JOHN 1:9**
    - Confession here means to acknowledge guilt. It’s based on a deep conviction of facts.
    - There’s a difference between positional and relational forgiveness. **EPH. 1:6-8** Refer to relationship. **1 JOHN 1:9** refers to fellowship.
    - **PR. 28:13** - By confessing and forsaking sin, we obtain mercy and avoid divine discipline. **PS. 32:1-6 (NLT)**

C. Confession of praise to Jesus' name. **HEB. 13:15 (AMPC)**

- “The confession or calves of our lips.” Refers to every sacrifice being fulfilled in Christ. Instead of offering calves, we offer the sacrifice of praise.
- All legal sacrifices were superseded and abolished by Christ. They shall cease, but not the sacrifice of praise.

D. Confession unto faith. **JOSHUA 1:8**

- Meditate means to ponder, mutter or muse. Muse means to say to oneself in a thoughtful manner.
- **PS. 1:1-3** – Meditation results in fruit-bearing.
- **PS 119:97** – Through meditation we immerse ourselves in the Word.
- **PS. 19:14** – David practiced meditation.

E. Confession of faith. **MK. 11:23**

- **1 SAM. 17:32-37** – David decreed a thing based on a deep conviction of facts. He wasn't copying someone else.
- **1 SAM. 17:45-47** – David confessed his faith.
- **NUM. 13:27-33** – These spies decreed and confessed faith in the circumstances and enemy. **NUM. 14:28**

3. Holding fast to our confession of faith. **HEB. 10:23**

A. “Get a grip on your lip and don't let it slip”.

- **1 TIM. 6:12** – The fight of faith is a fight with words. We speak the Word based on a deep conviction of facts and knowing God's faithfulness to His Word.
- We hold fast to our confession without wavering knowing God is actively at work doing His part.

**CONCLUSION:**

**Pr. 23:15-16** – Our confession touches every part of our lives. God is pleased when we speak right things.