

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH
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1. Confessing Jesus as Lord is the very heart of Christianity. **MT. 10:32**
 - A. Confession is Homologeō. It 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. This is one of His functions as High Priest. **HEB. 3:1**
 - D. Our confession is based on a deep conviction of facts. It's affirming something we believe, testifying to something we know, and witnessing for a truth we have embraced.
 - 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 confession.
 - A. Confession unto salvation. **ROM. 10:8-10**
 - The heart and mouth must be in sync.
 - B. Confession unto forgiveness. **1 JOHN 1:9**
 - Confession here means to acknowledge guilt.
 - **PR. 28:13** - By confessing and forsaking sin, we obtain mercy and avoid divine discipline. **PS. 32:1-6 (NLT)**
 - Confessing Christ as Lord is about relationship. Confessing sin is about fellowship.
 - C. Confession of praise as a sacrifice. **HEB. 13:15 (AMPC)**
 - Instead of offering calves, we offer the fruit of our lips.
 - All legal sacrifices were superseded and abolished by Christ. **HEB. 10:1-2,14**
 - 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. 143:5, PS. 1:1-3, PS. 119:97, 19:14** – All address the importance of meditation.
 - E. Confession of faith. **MK. 11:23**
 - **1 SAM. 17:32-37** – David decreed a thing based on a deep conviction of facts.
 - **1 SAM. 17:45-47** – David's confession of faith.
 - **NUM. 13:27-33** – Our faith can be in the circumstances, the enemy, the problem or God.
 - **NUM. 14:27-28** – Both got what they confessed their faith in.

3. Faith is a fight. **1 TIM. 6:12**
 - **HEB. 10:23** – “Get a grip on your lip and don't let it slip.” What helps is knowing God is faithful to His promises.

CONCLUSION:

PR. 23:15-16 – God wants our lips to speak right things.

HEB. 13:5b,6 – What we say must be rooted in what God has said.