

UNDERSTANDING CONFESSION - 2

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REVIEW:

1. High Priest of our confession. **HEBREWS 3:1 (ESV)**
2. Jesus as Lord. **MATTHEW 10:32-33**
3. Forgiveness. **1 JOHN 1:7-9**
4. Calling things that be not as though they were. **ROMANS 4:17-21**

CONTINUE:

5. Sacrifice of praise. **HEBREWS 13:15 (HCSB)**
 - A. Old Testament sacrifices were bloody animal sacrifices offered to God through the Levitical Priesthood. Jewish Rabbis believed in the time of the Messiah all sacrifice would cease, except the sacrifice of praise, and the sacrificial system would be abolished. Jesus was the last bloody sacrifice offered on the altar of His cross, and is now the High Priest through which New Testament sacrifices are made.
 - B. The writer of Hebrews gives essentials for proper New Testament sacrifices.
 - By Jesus, on the basis of His achievements. “By Him”
 - Continually or at all times. **PSALMS 34:1** Not just on certain days.
 - Sacrifice of praise. Not just when all is well. **ACTS 16:23-25**
 - Lips confessing to His Name. **HOSEA 14:2** Instead of calves, we offer the words of our lips, or our confession of faith. **PHILEMON 1:6** We recognize and confess what He is to us and has done in us.
 - C. The voice of thanksgiving is a sacrifice. **JONAH 2:9**
 - **ISAIAH 60:18** – If God’s walls are salvation and His gates praise, then without thanksgiving and praise, we’re up against a wall without a gate. **PSALMS 100:4, PSALMS 50:14-15** – We hang our own gate and enter in to receive salvation, healing, deliverance and help.
 - D. We confess to His Name: Jehovah Tsidkenu, Shalom, Shammah, Raah, Nissi, Jireh, Rapha; righteousness, peace, present, shepherd, banner, provider, healer, respectively!