

# CONFESSING OUR FAITH

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### ROM. 10:10

Salvation involves both believing something and saying something. With the heart, one believes unto righteousness. With the mouth, one confesses unto salvation (soteria). Soteria means deliverance, rescue, save, healing, well-being, and preservation. To rescue from the perils of evil was a main interpretation of soteria. In **HEB. 11:7** it's translated "saving" meaning rescue from danger, deliverance, preservation, and safety

### MARK 11:23

Jesus mentions believing once and saying three times. He emphasized that believing is not enough to get results. Saying is also necessary. He must have known people would miss it in their saying, not in their believing.

### 1 JOHN 1:9

Confession involves more than confessing our sins, faults, or failures. Only confessing these builds weakness, failure, and sin consciousness into one's spirit. This is the negative side to confession.

#### Positive Confession (HEB. 3:1 NKJV)

- 1.) What Confession is.
  - A.) Declaring what we believe to be true.
  - B.) Expressing what we know in our heart, apart from our senses.
  - C.) Testifying to a truth we have embraced.
- 2.) What we are to confess.
  - A.) The finished work of Christ.
  - B.) What Jesus is doing for us now.
  - C.) Who we are and what we mean to the Father.
  - D.) What God is doing in us now by His Spirit and through the Word.
  - E.) What God can do through us as we speak His Word.

#### Conclusion:

We can't testify or witness about what we don't know. Our opinion doesn't count. What counts is what we know about what Jesus has done for us and who we are in Him.