

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

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MT. 10:32

When the word confession is used, many instinctively think of confessing sin. This is one side of confession. There's another side of confession that has caused no small stir among many sincere lovers of the truth—confessing our faith. My prayer is that this study will give us a better understanding of confessing our faith and help eradicate some of the misconceptions developed through misrepresentation of the truth.

Definition

Confess means to declare openly by way of speaking out. A declaration based on a deep conviction of facts.

- Confessing the Lordship of Jesus is the very heart of our faith. It acknowledges us as servants and loyal followers of Christ.
- Confession is more than verbal agreement. It's **affirming** something we believe, **testifying** to something we know and **witnessing** for a truth we have embraced.
- Trying to confess what others believe is like trying to testify about things we have not witnessed in a court of law, **ACTS 19:13-17**.

Confession Unto Salvation ROM. 10:8-10

Paul was a word of faith preacher. Today, he would've been viewed as a heretic who embraced the name it, claim it, health, and wealth Gospel. While it's true many have abused the true message of the word of faith, their misrepresenting the true message doesn't make it heresy.

- Saved is Sozo: Heal, preserve, save, and make whole.
- Salvation is Soteria: Rescue, deliver, safety, salvation.
- **MT. 15:8** Confession involves the heart and mouth. It's more than verbal agreement. The heart and mouth must be in sync.
- The man who agreed verbally about Jesus, but his heart was far from Him. Mental assent isn't heart faith.

Confession Unto Forgiveness 1 JOHN 1:9

Another aspect of confession involves confessing sin. Here, confession means we identify with our sin and make no excuses for it. We acknowledge our guilt, and express Godly sorrow for our actions.

- **2 COR. 7:10** True repentance is of the heart, it's deeper than a verbal agreement. **PS. 51:1-10** David's confession was from the heart.

Confession of Faith HEB. 4:14 ESV

Properly understood, our confession of faith enables us to enter our promised land. Confession brings possession.

- **HEB. 3:16-19** Unbelief grieves God. Why? Because it challenges His integrity. It calls Him a liar.
- **DEUT 7:13-15** God promised many wonderful things for His people to enjoy in the promised land. The giants and city walls didn't keep them out, unbelief did.
- **NUM 13:31** Was a confession based on physical evidences.
- **NUM. 13:30** Was a confession based on God's integrity and deep conviction of faith.
- **NUM. 14:9** Joshua confessed his faith.
- **JOSHUA 14:7-8** Notice the heart and mouth were in sync.
- **HEB. 4:1-2** The Gospel without faith is like a car without gas.

CONCLUSION: Our confession of faith must be based on what God has promised, on what He has spoken or said. Our heart and mouth must be in sync and embrace the word of God. **HEB. 13:5-6** What we boldly say must be rooted in "He hath said".