

A scenic photograph of a beach. In the foreground, golden sand is marked with several footprints. The ocean waves are breaking on the shore, creating white foam. In the distance, a large, dark island is visible on the horizon under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

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When we speak of **Salvation** in the NT we read of at least **THIRTEEN** things that are involved **in our salvation**.

These include the **Grace of God**,
the **Blood of Christ**,
the **preaching of the good news or Gospel**
of the **reign of Christ in the kingdom of Christ**.

Our response is in **Hearing, Believing,**
Repenting, Confessing, and being Baptized,
and Living a Faithful life
towards God unto Death.

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There is a **lot of preaching done** in many of these areas and there is often **a lot of confusion** generated by **misunderstanding** some of these and **the part that they play in our salvation.**

The area of **CONFESSION** is one of these which is often **quickly skimmed over** and it is also **an area of confusion.**



There are two main ways that **CONFESSION IS USED** In the Bible **ONE IS the CONFESSION of our SINS.** The **OTHER** is the **CONFESSION of our FAITH.**

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Christians knowing that we have sinned.

Rom 3:23; John 1:5-9;

We are told that we are

to Confess our sins as it says in the Bible:-

Jam 5:16; “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.”

The main area we will try to deal with regarding Confession in this lesson,

Will be:-

The Confession of our faith in Christ.

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Therefore, let's look at the area of
Confession of our faith in Christ Jesus.
This is NECESSARY in order for us
to obtain eternal salvation.



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Matthew 10:32 "Therefore **whoever confesses Me** before men, him **I will also confess** before My Father who is in heaven.

33 "But **whoever denies Me** before men, **him I will also deny** before My Father who is in heaven.

"These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
And honour Me with their lips,
But **their heart is far from Me.**"

Matthew 15:8;



**STAND UP FOR
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The Heart Plays A Vital Role!

Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Acts 8:36-37



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TO CONFESS CHRIST AS WE SHOULD,
WE NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR
UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT CONFESSION IS!**

To declare; make no secret of;
to tell the whole story of:-

Psalms 38:18; “But I confess my sins;
I am deeply sorry for what I have done.”

Ezekiel 12:16; “But I will spare a few of them
from death by war, famine, or disease,
so they can confess to their captors
about how wicked they have been.
Then they will **KNOW** that I am the Lord!”

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Means -**Make mention of; Boast In.**

Isaiah 48:1;

"Listen to me, O family of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel and born into the family of Judah. Listen, **you who take oaths in the name of the Lord and call on the God of Israel.** You don't follow through on any of your promises."



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Confession means:- to Acknowledge.

Whoever denies the Son, the same has not the Father, but he who confesses the Son has the Father also.

As for you, let what you have heard from the beginning abide in you. 1 John 2:23;

“The way to find out if their message is from the Holy Spirit is to ask:-

Does it really agree that Jesus Christ, God's Son, actually became man with a human body?

If so, then the message is from God. 1 John 4:2

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Confession means:- to Acknowledge.

**The man who is beginning to know God
listens to us, (the apostles and their teaching,)
but he who is not a child of God
does not listen to us.**

**By this test we can distinguish the
Spirit of truth from the spirit of error. 1 John 4:6;**

**1 John 4:15; “If any man confesses that
"Jesus is the Son of God,"
“God is abiding in that man, and he in God.”**



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**Profession without controversy;
Jesus Beyond all question.**

**“By common confession, the secret of our
godly worship is great:- In flesh was
He revealed to sight, Kept righteous by the
Spirit's might, Adored by angels singing.**

**To nations was He manifest,
Believing souls found peace and rest,
Our Lord in heaven reigning! 1 Tim 3:16;**



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The religion we profess. Hebrews 3:1;

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.”

“Since then we have in Jesus, the Son of God, a great High Priest who has gone right up to heaven itself, let us continue to keep a firm hold on our profession of faith in Him.” Hebrews 4:14;



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So Confession means:-

To declare; make no secret of;
to tell the whole story of. *Psalms 38:18; Ezek 12:16;*
Make mention of; Boast In. *Isaiah 48:1;*
Acknowledge. *1 John 2:23;*

Profession without controversy;
Beyond all question. *1 Tim 3:16;*
The religion we profess. *Heb 3:1; 4:14;*



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To confess Christ is to make a public acknowledgment of faithfulness to God and to the truth through which God is revealed.

“When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they **turn back to You and **confess Your name**, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple,” 1 Kings 8:33;**

It is a declaration of unqualified confidence in Christ, and of surrender to His service.

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We being here is a Confession of Jesus.
It ought to be evident by our daily walk Matt 5:16;

Jesus said that **we should be willing to confess Him** before men. Rom 10:9;
Confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God actually raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved.

"For in their hearts people exercise the faith that leads to right standing, and with their lips they make the acknowledgment which brings salvation.

"Romans 10:9-10;

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We shouldn't be afraid to change our life and Confess Jesus.

Some are afraid to confess Him. *John 12:42-43;*
“However, even many of the Jewish leaders
believed** him to be the Messiah **but wouldn't
admit it** to anyone because of their **fear
that the Pharisees would excommunicate them
from the synagogue;”

Actions prove our sincerity. Acts 19:18-19; “Many of the believers who had been practicing black magic confessed their deeds and brought their incantation books and charms and burned them at a public bonfire. (estimated value 50,000 pieces of silver.”)

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**Paul's Instruction tells Timothy and us today:-
Hold Fast to Our Confession of Christ.**

1 Tim 6:3-11; “If anyone teaches different doctrines and refuses to agree with the wholesome messages of our Lord Jesus Christ, the teaching that is in accordance with true religion.

“Flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and

have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”



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“I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing.”

Jesus is our example. John 18:35-37; “Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, **“You say rightly that I am a king.** For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, **that I should bear witness to the truth.** Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

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Confess Jesus Now or later!

Now – leading to eternal life.

Later – resulting in eternal death.

Rom 14:10-12; Phil 2:10-11;



Will We Confess Jesus Now!

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ACTS 2:21

(PROPHECY)

**WHOEVER CALLS
ON THE**

NAME

OF THE LORD

SHALL BE SAVED

ACTS 2:38

(EXPLANATION)

**REPENT AND BE
BAPTIZED
IN THE**

OF JESUS CHRIST

**FOR THE REMISSION
OF SINS**

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**If We Confess Christ
He Will Confess Us!**

He has promised us this TRUTH.

**“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men,
him I will also confess before My Father
who is in heaven.” Matthew 10:32;**

**“He who overcomes shall be clothed in
white garments, and I will not blot out his name
from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name
before My Father and before His angels.”**

Revelation 3:5;

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**If We Deny Christ
He Will Deny Us!**

He has promised us this TRUTH.

**“But whoever denies Me before men, him
I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”
Matthew 10:33;**

**“This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him,
We shall also live with Him. If we endure,
We shall also reign with Him. **If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.**” 2 Timothy 2:11-12;**

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH.



What **confession** does
Jesus **see us making**
in our life?



Our talk talks and
our walk talks, but
our walk talks more
than our talk talks.

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