

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (*1 Cor. 1.18*).

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Confessing Jesus Christ

Confessing Jesus Christ is to confess:
Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God;
conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary;
dwelt among men on earth; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, shed His Blood for our sins
on the Cross of Calvary; died, and buried.
He arose from the grave on the third day;
He ascended into heaven;
He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

These statements that are part of the Apostles' Creed are found in the Bible. The Apostles' Creed was written in response to heresy that existed in the early times as it does now. What we believe must be based on the Word of the Lord – not man's thoughts or understanding.

Our salvation was wrought by Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, that we might have life with Him now and forevermore – **if** we repent of our sins and LIVE for Him.

The question was asked in the March issue, "How long since you confessed Him?" Know there is much more to "Confessing Jesus Christ" as Lord and Savior than saying words. Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior states who we are in Him. Confessing Jesus Christ according to the Holy Bible is to confess the whole truth about Him and His life, that He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14).

Let us look at some Scriptures to show the meaning of confessing Jesus Christ and how that confession is to be made from the heart with the mouth.

Many may say these words, confess with their mouth, but the Word of the Lord makes it clear that confessing Jesus Christ is from the heart (Rom 10.9). Love comes from the heart. It is a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, not words. Yes, we must confess what we believe openly, but out of our hearts.

When we confess Who Jesus is, the only Begotten Son of God, we come confessing that He was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; that

overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, God sent His eternal Son to take on a human body – fully Divine, yet Begotten of God in a human body at the time of the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost. Thus, while Jesus was born of humanity through the Virgin Mary, His Bloodline is through Divinity, Begotten of the Holy Ghost. His was the sinless, life-giving, pure Blood necessary to redeem man and wash clean man's sinful heart (Mt 15.18, 19; Mk 7.20, 21), thus providing eternal life in Heaven for anyone who would accept Jesus Christ by faith.

LET US GO FORTH CONFESSING JESUS CHRIST WITH OUR LIVES AND WITH OUR MOUTH,
confessing the Lamb of God,
the Lord Jesus Christ, **WHO SHED HIS BLOOD ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY**
FOR OUR SINS.

LET US GO FORTH SINGING, ALLELUIA!

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

He came in the flesh and dwelt among us; that He was crucified on the Cross of Calvary and shed His blood for our sins; and that He arose from the dead on the third day and lives forever more in Heaven. We come also confessing our sinfulness, our need of being forgiven, and being cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb. We come confessing that we have asked Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior of our lives, that we have surrendered our lives to Him to live for Him and walk with Him all the way.

There is no hope that one's sins are forgiven and washed clean by His Blood without confessing Jesus Christ the only Begotten Son of God, without confessing all that Jesus is and His provision for our salvation. Our faith is groundless, empty, unless we confess Jesus Christ and Who He is (Mt. 1.20, 21; John 1.14; 3.16, 18; Acts 13.33; Heb 1.5; 5.5; I Jn 4.9,10). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4.12).

When John the Baptizer was in the wilderness baptizing, people "went out to him" and were baptized, "confessing their sins" (Mt 3.3-6). Confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior is to confess your sinfulness and your need of being forgiven and cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb that you might have eternal life in Jesus Christ.

The Bible states there are those who deny the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven (Mt 10.32, 33).

The Gospel of John states clearly that there were those who believed on Jesus, but did not confess Him "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (Jn 12.43). There are those that we have heard say, "Yes, I believe in God," or "Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, but . . . but, I am not ready to live for Him." This is not a confession. This is an acknowledgment that Jesus Christ exists. There is a vast difference. Confessing Jesus Christ is to make clear that He is Lord and Savior in your life, that you are living for Him and walking with Him.

The Bible also makes it clear that even the enemy, Satan, knows Jesus – knows Who He is, but certainly does not confess Him. Satan acknowledged Who Jesus is, but did not confess Him in the following Scriptures. Mark 1.24, Satan says, ". . . I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God." Mark 3.11, "And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God." Luke 4.41 is another Scripture where the devils acknowledged Who Jesus is, "And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God..." They were acknowledging Who Jesus is; they were not confessing Him.

One must confess Jesus Christ before men. This is not a private confession.

Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God (Lk 12.8, 9).

There are many who with joy confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, confessed their faith in Him and lived their confession – such as the following:

The Woman of Samaria in John 4.28, 29: "The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

Peter in John 6.68, 69: "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

Thomas in John 20.28, 29: "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed."

The Ethiopian Eunuch, Acts 8.37, 38: "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

Let us look at the following and rejoice! **Rejoice** evermore as we endeavor to live in the righteousness of Christ Jesus! This is a confession that Jesus is **THE SON**, not a son. He is the only Begotten Son of God the Father Almighty.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God (I Jn 4.15).

If you **do** believe these essential truths mentioned on page one, that Jesus died on the cross, shedding His Blood for your sins, then you have available to you salvation in Jesus Christ. You have only to repent of your sins, accept Jesus by faith as your personal Savior, **and** live for Him according to His Word in the Holy Bible.

Fifteen years ago, a man whom I knew to be an unbeliever, an agnostic, stopped me and asked, "I hear all this talk about the **Blood** of Jesus; I don't understand. What is the **big deal** about the **Blood**?" My husband and others had been telling him about Jesus.

In talking about salvation, the **Blood IS** a "big deal." **Life is in the Blood** (Lev 17.11). The moment Adam and Eve sinned and partook of the forbidden fruit, death began to work in their bodies. Their blood no longer had life – eternal life. It became "polluted" with sin and death, and this sin nature and death was passed down through the fathers to all succeeding generations.

God's plan to redeem man was to be by faith in the shedding of sinless, life-giving Blood – pure Blood. Only blood having known no sin and thus containing no death could cleanse the blood of sinful man and impart eternal life to him.

Had Jesus been begotten by Joseph, He would have been born guilty of sin with death working in Him – the penalty for man's original sin. Through the