

CONFESSION

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Acts 8:34-38](#).
- B. This lesson focuses on 6 passages that mention confession as part of how one becomes a Christian.

I. **FIRST: 2CORINTHIANS 4:13.**

- A. Paul gave 4 reasons as to why confession was important:
 - 1. He strongly believed in the word of God (v. 13).
 - 2. Death would not rob him of the crown of life (v. 14).
 - 3. His sufferings were for conversion and edification (v. 15a).
 - 4. He endured because God was being glorified (v. 15b).
- B. Our faith needs to be strong--to make these confident assertions.

II. **SECOND: MATTHEW 10:32,33.**

- A. Christians must have courage in defending the cause and Lordship of Christ.
- B. To confess the name of Christ means that you want to be worthy of Christ.
- C. To fail to confess the name of Christ means you are ashamed of Christ.
- D. Which will it be?

III **THIRD: ROMANS 10:9,10.**

- A. Confession is **UNTO** salvation, not **for** salvation. See the KJV or NKJV on this passage.
- B. Too many are mistaken thinking that the plan of salvation is to believe, repent, and confess.
- C. Our confession of Jesus as Lord must come from the heart. Mere lip service is not sufficient in becoming a Christian.

IV. **FOURTH: ACTS 8:34-38.**

- A. Confession precedes baptism. Notice how the queen's treasurer was ready to confess Christ prior to his being baptized.
- B. This passage helps set the order of the steps to salvation.

V. **FIFTH: 1TIMOTHY 6:12.**

- A. In making the good confession we say the following:
 - 1. Jesus was God, manifest and in the flesh (2Jn. 7).
 - 2. Jesus is the Son of God (1Jn. 4:15).
 - 3. Jesus died for our sins and not His own (1Cor. 15:3).
 - 4. Jesus was raised from the dead (1Cor. 15:4).
 - 5. Jesus ascended into heaven and was glorified (Eph. 1:20-23).

VI. **SIXTH: HEBREWS 10:23.**

- A. The admonition is to hold fast to that which we have confessed.
- B. Our life must match up to our words. We should never confess the name of Christ and then fail to live up to what He stands for.

CONCLUSION.

- A. Confession should not be minimized or overlooked in our becoming a Christian.
- B. In the above passages we see that confession is made because of our belief in:
 - 1. The Word of God.
 - 2. Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

3. Our hear that Jesus of Lord of lords and King of kings.
 4. In baptism's power to save.
 5. In the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
 6. In trying to live up to what Christ demands.
- C. Be sure you are ready for what follows when you confess the name of Christ!