

## CONFESSION (4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE 5 STEPS INTO CHRIST)

CONFESSION = AN OPEN PROFESSION OF FAITH; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SIN

CONFESSION IS A VERY IMPORTANT, AND IN MANY WAYS OVERLOOKED, ITEM THAT GOD REQUIRES IN ORDER FOR ONE TO BE SAVED.

- A confession requires one to verbally acknowledge faith in Jesus. It is possible to confess with the mouth what one does not truly believe in his heart. This is why the Apostle Paul connected confession with the mouth and what one believes in his heart in Romans 10. Phillip required evidence of faith through confession in Acts 8.

### JOHN REQUIRED A CONFESSION OF SINS PRIOR TO BAPTISM

#### Matthew 3:5-6

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

### THE GOSPEL REQUIRES A CONFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS PRIOR TO BAPTISM

#### Acts 8:36-37

36. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37. 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.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST IS REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR JESUS TO CONFESS US

#### Matthew 10:32-33

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

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

#### Luke 12:8-9

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

9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

- THIS CONFESSION MAY RESULT IN BEING EXCLUDED

#### John 9:22-23

22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

#### John 12:42-43

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

- THIS CONFESSION RESULTS IN A CHANGE IN DEEDS

#### Acts 19:18-20

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

- THIS CONFESSION ALLOWS GOD TO DWELL IN YOU

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

- THIS CONFESSION LEADS TO SALVATION

**Romans 10:9-10**

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO CONFESS WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN. PAUL CONFESSED BEFORE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

**Acts 24:14-15**

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

CONFESS THAT "THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME"

**Hebrews 11:13** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

EVERYONE WILL EVENTUALLY CONFESS

**Romans 14:10-11**

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

WHY NOT BELIEVE AND MAKE THAT CONFESSION NOW?

**Acts 8:35-37**

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 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.