

Our Confession

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What is Confession?

- *“homologeo... 1. prop. to say the same thing as another, I. e. to agree with, ... 2. univ. to concede i.e. a. not to refuse, i.e. to promise... b. not to deny, i.e. to confess; declare... 3. to profess... i.e. to declare openly, speak out freely, ...”*
(Thayer, p. 446; 3670)
- Who are we saying the same things as?
- What did they say that we are saying?

God Affirmed

- *If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. 1Jn 5:9-11*
- What did God testify concerning His Son?

God Affirmed

- *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Mt 3:17*
- *While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” Mt 17:5*

God Affirmed – They Believed

- *He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. Mt. 16:15-18*
- As Peter, we say the same thing as God.
- He said it first and testified to it. We confess it and hold it fast.

Many Years Later Peter Held it Fast

- *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 2Pet. 1:16-18*

We are Confessing

- Full public commitment to Jesus as:
 - **King**. Jn 18:36; I Tim 6:12-13.

- *Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is My kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, **Are you a king then?** Jesus answered, **you say that I am a king.** To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. John 18:36-37*

Confessing the Good Confession

- *Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto you were called, and did **confess the good confession** in the sight of many witnesses. 13 I charge thee in the sight of God, who giveth life to all things, and of **Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession** 1Tim 6:12-13*

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–**Lord** Rom 10:9-10



Confession

- *because if you shalt confess with your mouth Jesus (as) Lord, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shalt be saved: 10 for with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
Rom 10:9-10

Why Some Waver and Let Go

- *These things said his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him (to be) Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. John 9:22*
- *Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess (it), lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 for they loved the glory (that is) of men more than the glory (that is) of God. In 12:42-43*

Jesus Also Warned: Hold Fast!

- *Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven. Mt 10:32-33*
- *And I say unto you, Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9 but he that denies me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the angels of God. Lk 12:8-9*

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