

The Importance of Confession

There is a need for confession. In Romans 10:9-10 we read that confession is necessary for salvation. We also understand in these same verses that it is made by my own mouth. It does not come from my parents or the one who is baptizing me or even my brethren. It is something that is done on my own that is necessary for me to have the hope of eternal salvation.

Paul makes another point of the need for confession in Philippians 2:9-11 toward the belief in Jesus Christ being Lord. Something that is done by everyone throughout the world both underneath and above the world. We also read of the necessity to confess in the conversion accounts in the book of Acts.

This is an action that comes from one's own heart. Every one of us here today that is a Christian has made the choice of confessing Christ. We understand the necessity from reading it here in Romans 10:9-10 and who it is for from Philippians 2:9-11. Each one of us here today has done this before fellow brethren (John 12:42-43). When we put on Christ and make the choice of starting a new life in service to Christ, we are making it a true confession before Christ and before men. There is a need for confession towards Christ. The rewards are so many and bountiful. Things that are necessary towards salvation. Doing this work of making a confession before Christ comes with great confidence. To make a stand for truth and proclaim and confess the belief in Christ takes courage. If we take this step in confessing Christ before men, He speaking of Christ will do the same for us before the Father (Matthew 10:32-33). Seeking him diligently through our confessed belief, He will reward us in the end.

The first question we need to ask is "What is involved in Confession?" For us to understand what is necessary in confession we need to understand the definition. The best way of describing this is admitting. I am reminded so many times of the lid in the cookie jar when mom asks us when we were kids if we were in the cookie jar. The evidence is right on my face but instead I do not admit to it or confess to it. As we also look at our legal system the term confess would be to admitting to a crime or acknowledgment of the crime.

Look at AA for a moment. The first step in AA is making a confession "Yes I have a problem with alcohol." If there is not an admittance or confession to this then how can one overcome this problem?

The same thought can be assessed in our spiritual life. One thing that we need to all realize is the fact of sin is there (Romans 3:23). Everyone has this blemish in our lives not selected few. We need to come to the realization that sin is real (James 1:21-25). I need to look in the mirror and recognize that I have sinned. If I do not make this notice the promise the fact that Christ will make a confession before the Father for us will not happen.

I can do many and remarkable things but if I do not obey and submit to the Father's will then none of it will do me any good. We would consider practicing lawlessness. Sin causes me separation from God. I need to turn from sin admit to sin and turn (Repentance Luke 13:5). If I do not make this known, then I will have spiritual death (Romans 6:23)

We need to admit and confess to our belief in Christ. We need to believe that He is (Hebrews 11:6) a rewarder and our Creator (Psalms 19:1-6).

We need to make the same confession that Thomas made (John 20:28). Seeing and believing he made the confession of "My Lord and my God."

The eunuch made a belief that Christ is the Son of God in Acts 8:37. He did that before he was baptized by Phillip in Acts 8:38-39. Confession of the belief in Christ being the son of God is necessary.

We also need to understand in making great strides of confidence and courage in making your choice to serve God there is great reward. In a changing, consistent world we have the things that are necessary that are never changing ways to lead to salvation.

Look again at Matthew 10:32. How awesome and wonderful would it be to hear Christ confess each and everyone of us that obeyed the will of God and our faithful to God the Father. Just imagine for a moment there being before the judgment seat and Christ makes the confession before God saying words "You stood for me you had confidence and courage in choosing the Fathers will to follow. I confess them before you because they confessed me before men and was obedient to Your will." (Rev 3:5) Wouldn't that be rewarding?

We can hear those wonderful words of “Enter into the joy of Your Lord” (Matthew 25:23). In the end we can be in a place where the saved and blest will be (Rev 21:24-27). A place where those admitted to sin recognized the dangers of sin and turned away. A place where those confessed Christ before men. A place where we can have eternal rest and life.

Don’t you want to be there in that place? We can help you today through hearing the message and believing in it that Jesus is the Christ, Repenting and turning from sin, Confessing the belief in Christ, and being baptized and living faithful to death you can start today in having the reward and promise of the hope of eternal salvation.

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