



The Good Confession

Con-fess

**To speak the same thing;
agree with; admit**

- 1. OT: mainly . . . Give thanks, glory, confess with praise (usually follow acknowledgement or confession of benefits received)**
- 2. NT: both ideas**

Matthew 11:25

At that time Jesus answered and said,
“I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven &
earth, that You have hidden these things
from the wise and prudent and have
revealed them to babes.”



Say same thing as; agree; admit



Praise; give thanks

I. The Confession Of Christ

Mt.3:17, Father confesses Son

- When we confess Christ, we agree with Father – Mt.16:13-17

Mt.10:32-33, the separator

- **Courage, 16-25 / persecution, 26-31**
- **Confess, 32-33**
- **Count cost, 34-35**

**Jn.1:20, confession requires
humility**

- **John also confessed himself**

**Jn.9:22-33, confession requires
courage**

- **Scared parents**
- **Strengthened son**
- **Silence is not golden**

Ro.10:9-10, 'Jesus is Lord...'

- OT: 8000+x of **Jehovah**.
- NT: regularly of **Jesus**. Ac.10:36

The confession

- **Way?** Mouth. Peter denied...
- **Who?** Lord Jesus. No rivals

▪ **Why?** 10

BELIEF

CONFESSION

SALVATION

HEART

MOUTH

1 Tim.6:12-13, the good confession

- At his baptism, Timothy confessed what Christ had confessed

“GOOD” CONFESSIOIN

EXALTS JESUS

**CONDITION OF
SALVATION**

**FOLLOWS JESUS’
EXAMPLE**

**Confessed Himself
Mt.27:11**

I. The Confession Of Christ

II. The Confession Of Christians

Jn.12:9-11

- Presence of Lazarus praises Jesus
- Ro.6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just **as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we** also should walk in newness of life.**

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**A common
Jewish oath**

**A call to tell
the truth**

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IN WORD:

disown, reject
(Peter)

IN WORKS:

conduct vs
profession

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3 “...Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.

4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

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Ga.2:11-13, as public as the sin

1 Jn.1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

- **Christians**
- **Confess sins to God**
- **Includes admitting specific sins**
- **Implies repentance (Ac.8:22-23)**
- **God forgives**

Ph.2:10-11

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Jesus, not pagan gods
- Every power will confess / honor Him

NOW: SOME DO NOT CONFESS HIM...

AT ALL

OPENLY

IN LIFE