

THE GOOD CONFESSION

INTRODUCTION:

A.) THERE IS A "GOOD CONFESSION."

1.) Timothy confessed the good confession.

(1Timothy 6:12 KJV)

(12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, □
whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profes-
sion before many witnesses.

2.) Christ Jesus witnessed the good confession.

(1Timothy 6:13 KJV)

(13) I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all □
things, and {before} Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate □
witnessed a good confession;

I.) WHAT IS THE GOOD CONFESSION?

A.) Requirement in the Gospel Plan of Salvation.

(Romans 10:10 KJV)

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

B.) The healed blind man confessed Jesus as the Son of God.

1.) When asked, the blind man confessed Jesus to be the Son of □
God.

(John 9:35-38 KJV)

(35) Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? (36) He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? (37) And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. (38) And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

- 3.) The Jews had agreed to put out of the synagogue anyone who should confess Jesus to be the Christ.

(John 9:22 KJV)

(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.

- 4.) Many rulers who believed would not confess Christ.

(John 12:42-43 KJV)

(42) Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess {himlest they should be put out of the synagogue: (43) For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

- A.) The Apostle Peter confessed Jesus to be the Son of God.

(Matthew 16:16-17 KJV)

(16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed {it} unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

B.) Christ Jesus witnessed the good confession
before Pontius Pilate.

(1Timothy 6:13 KJV)

(13) I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and {before} Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

1.) Before Pilate He witnessed that He was King of the Jews.

(Mark 15:2 ASV)

(2) And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering saith unto him, Thou sayest.

("Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.) (NIV)

2.) The King of Israel was the Christ.

(Mark 15:32 ASV)

(32) Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reproached him.

(Matthew 27:40-43 ASV)

(40) and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself: if thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross. (41) In like manner also the chief priests mocking {him}, with the scribes and elders, said, (42) He saved others; himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him. (43) He trusteth on God; let him deliver him now, if he desireth him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

3.) The Christ was the Son Of God.

(Matthew 26:63 ASV)

(63) But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou art the Christ, the Son of God.

4.) Therefore Christ witnessed His identity as the Son Of God before Pontius Pilate.

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C.) The Eunuch confessed Him as the Son of God

(Acts 8:37 ASV)

(37) [And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.]

D.) Timothy's confession; 1Timothy 6:12 same as that of Jesus in v.13.

1.) It is a confession of the Lordship of Jesus

(Romans 10:9 ASV)

(9) because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus {as} Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved:

E.) Content of the good confession is that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

F.) An affirmation of one's faith in the identity of Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

II.) How the Good Confession is made.

A.) An oral or spoken confession.

1.) Term "confess" in the original means "to say the same thing □ as another, i.e., to agree with, to assent."

B.) All examples confessed with their mouth.

1.) Blind Man John 9:38

2.) Peter Matthew 16:13-16

3.) Jesus Mark 15:2

4.) Eunuch Acts 8:37

5.) Romans 10:9-10

III.) Where the Good Confession Is Made.

A.) Before Men.

(Matthew 10:32-33 ASV)

(32) 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.

1.) Blind man was before Christ.

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Š2.) Peter was before Christ and the Apostles.

3.) Jesus was before Pilate.

4.) Eunuch was before Philip.

5.) Timothy confessed before many witnesses.

IV.) Is It Necessary?

A.) Condition of Christ's confessing you before God.

(Matthew 10:32 ASV)

(32) Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him
will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven.

1.) To avoid being denied.

(Matthew 10:33 ASV)

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

B.) It is "UNTO" Salvation.

I.E. remission of past sins.

(Romans 10:9-10 ASV)

(9) because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus {as} Lord,
and shalt believe in thy heart that God 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 salva

tion.

C.) Same "Salvation" that Belief is unto,

ROM 10:10 for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; □
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (ASV)

D.) Eventually all must make it.

(Philippians 2:11 ASV)

(11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is □
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Romans 14:11 ASV)

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

1.) It can be made now unto salvation.

2.) At judgment it must be made unto his same and destruction.

IV.) CONFESSION AS A RECURRING CHRISTIAN DUTY.

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ŠA.) Confession Linked to Conversion.

(Romans 10:9 ASV)

(9) because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus {as} Lord, □
and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, □
thou shalt be saved:

B.) Confession linked to Evangelizing.

(Matthew 10:32-33 ASV)

(32) 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.

C.) Confession linked to maintaining Fellowship with God.

(1John 4:15 ASV)

(15) Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God
abideth in him, and he in God.

V.) PLACE OF CONFESSION IN THE GOSPEL PLAN OF
SALVATION.

A.) Follows Faith.

1.) False if it preceded belief.

2.) Divine order given in Romans 10:9-10.

B.) Precedes Baptism.

1.) Precedes Salvation. Romans 10:10

2.) But Baptism next precedes salvation. Mark 16:16

C.) Must precede Baptism.

(Acts 8:36-37 ASV)

(36) And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, {here is} water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (37) [And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.]

VI.) CONFESSING WHEN IT IS EASY.

A.) PETER

1.) His confession in Matthew 16:16 was before friends.

2.) When confronted with hostilities.....

(Matthew 26:72 ASV)

(72) And again he denied with an oath, I know not the man. 3

B.) Nicodemus

(John 3:1-2 ASV)

(1) Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: (2) the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him.

(John 7:50-51 ASV)

(50) Nicodemus saith unto them (he that came to him before, being one of them), (51) Doth our law judge a man, except it first hear from himself and know what he doeth?

