

## Confessions: Acknowledging Sin & the Savior

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### **Question 1: What type of confessions do we see in Scripture?**

People made genuine confessions of \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 3:1 (ESV) – *Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,*

1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV) – *<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

Here are some specific confessions of faith in Jesus Christ.

Confession that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ (so people can be saved).

Romans 10:9-10 (NASB) – *<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

Confession that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 4:15 (ESV) – *<sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*

Confession of faith in \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 for definition of the gospel).

2 Corinthians 9:13 (NIV) – *<sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.*

People made, and will make, \_\_\_\_\_ confessions of faith.

Titus 1:15-16 (RSV) – *<sup>15</sup> To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are corrupted. <sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but they deny him by their deeds; they are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good deed.*

Matthew 7:15-23 (NLT) – *<sup>15</sup> “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. <sup>16</sup> You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup> So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. <sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ <sup>23</sup> But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’”*

People made confessions of \_\_\_\_\_ when they believed the gospel.

Acts 19:18-19 (NRSV) – *<sup>18</sup> Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. <sup>19</sup> A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books<sup>[b]</sup> was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.*

People made confessions of \_\_\_\_\_ in order to prove they were real followers of Jesus Christ because:

Some people denied the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 1:8-1 (NRSV) – <sup>8</sup> *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

Some people denied that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 2:22-23 (NCV) – <sup>22</sup> *Who is the liar? It is the person who does not accept Jesus as the Christ. This is the enemy of Christ: the person who does not accept the Father and his Son. <sup>23</sup> Whoever does not accept the Son does not have the Father. But whoever confesses the Son has the Father, too.*

Some people denied that Jesus came to earth in \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 4:1-3 (NCV) – *My dear friends, many false prophets have gone out into the world. So do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can know God's Spirit: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ came to earth as a human is from God. <sup>3</sup> And every spirit who refuses to say this about Jesus is not from God. It is the spirit of the enemy of Christ, which you have heard is coming, and now he is already in the world.*

2 John 1:7 (NCV) – <sup>7</sup> *Many false teachers are in the world now who do not confess that Jesus Christ came to earth as a human. Anyone who does not confess this is a false teacher and an enemy of Christ.*

People made confessions of faith in Jesus during times of \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 12:8 (NKJV) – <sup>8</sup> *“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup> But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.*

Acts 24:14 (ESV) – <sup>14</sup> *But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,*

When the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, everyone will confess Jesus is Lord!

Philippians 2:11 (WEB) – <sup>9</sup> *Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name; <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee would bow, of those in heaven, those on earth, and those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue would confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father.*

## **Question 2: How can I live what I just heard?**

Make my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ now rather than later (when it's too late).

\_\_\_\_\_ my sins and \_\_\_\_\_ from them.

Based on the Scriptures we have read, you can confess:

*“I confess I have sinned against God. I confess Jesus is Lord and the Son of God. I believe and confess that Jesus died on a cross for my sins, was buried, and came back to life on the third day of His death.”*

\_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

\_\_\_\_\_ to the faith that I have confessed, no matter what.

Hebrews 4:14 (NIV) – <sup>14</sup> *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*

Hebrews 10:23 (CEB) – <sup>23</sup> *Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.*

Revelation 2:13 (GW) – <sup>13</sup> *I know where you live. Satan's throne is there. You hold on to my name and have not denied your belief in me, even in the days of Antipas. He was my faithful witness who was killed in your presence, where Satan lives.*