

What Is Confession? #1

Christians know that hearing, faith, and repentance are essential to salvation (Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Acts 17:30-31). But they are not the only items essential to a man's conversion; confession is also needed.

"Confession" means "to speak the same thing as." This is not a confession of sins, but a confession of Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10). This confession is a verbal declaration that you believe Jesus is the Son of God and brings the promise of salvation (Luke 12:8; Matthew 10:32).

Principles regarding the confession of Christ are exactly opposite of the cases of denial. Denial involves being ashamed (Mark 8:38). Confession is put to test by contrast with our evil world. Peter's denial of Christ is a good example (Luke 22:54-62). He denied knowing Christ and his affiliation with Him. Of course, this resulted in great sorrow.

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