

THE POWER OF “CONFESSION” OF GOD’S WORD

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The Bible encourages us to maintain a confident “**confession**” of Christ, *Mat 10:32*, *Rom 10:9*, and of God’s Word, *Heb 10:23*.

The Greek word translated “**confession**” is *homologia*, which means “**to speak the same thing as,**” (Young’s Concordance). Sometimes this Greek word is translated “**profession,**” but the meaning is the same. Basically it means to speak the same truth that Christ spoke, and declare confidently the truths of God’s Word.

Jesus Christ is the Apostle and High Priest of our **confession**, *Heb 3:1*. He is our Great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, and so let us hold fast our **confession**, *Heb 4:14*. He does understand our weaknesses, *Heb 4:15*, and he calls us to come boldly to His Throne of grace for mercy and grace to help in time of need, *Heb 4:16*.

As we **confess Christ** before others, He **confesses** us before His Father in heaven, *Mat 10:32*.

Jn 9:22 tells us of some Jews who believed that Jesus was the Christ or Messiah but they were not willing to confess Him openly, because they feared the Jewish leaders.

A right confession is actually a central part of our salvation. *Rom 10:9* says, “that if we **confess** with our mouth Jesus Christ as Lord, and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved.” *V10* says that with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation, while in the heart we believe unto righteousness. **There is power for salvation in a right confession.** It is closely linked to faith and believing. The two go together.

Right believing plus right confession result in full salvation and wholeness. We must have both.

In the Old Testament there is the same truth. Jehovah spoke to Joshua, in *Josh 1:8*, and instructed him to keep the Book of the Law in his mouth continually, (meaning to keep speaking it out or **confessing** it). Then He said, “You shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.” The word “**meditate**” does not mean simply a mental process, but is a Hebrew word, *hagah*, which means to speak, talk or mutter. Jehovah was instructing Joshua to keep **confessing** aloud God’s Word, then he would, “make his way prosperous and have good success.” *Josh 1:8*. In God’s Word there are many promises. Pastors’ Notes No 27. When there is a particular need in your life, say for guidance, healing, strength, victory, etc, take the promises that the Holy Spirit impresses upon you and **believe and confess these frequently**. *2Pet 1:4* says that we are made partakers of God’s divine nature through His promises.

There is the same truth in *Ps 1:1-3*. The man who “**meditates,**” (or confesses), God’s law day and night, will be blessed like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water, bringing forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf will not wither, and whatsoever he does shall prosper. That sounds good!

As we read God’s Word, the Holy Spirit gives us words, phrases or verses that stand out to us. **Note these rhema scriptures**, maybe colour them in, and note them in your diary. These are God given revelations especially for you. Dwell on them. **Believe them. Confess them aloud frequently to God with thanks and praise.** As you do they will be fulfilled, bringing blessing and life, *Lk 1:45*.

In *Deut 30:11-14* we read the clear Gospel message. Paul says so in *Rom 10:5-8*. In *v14* it says that the word is near you, **in your mouth and in your heart**, that you may do it. Paul says this is the word of faith that we preach, *Rom 10:8*. As we keep the Word of God in our mouth to speak it forth, and believe it in our heart, we are given the ability from God to live it out and walk in it. For example, for years my life was spoilt with the sin of anger. One day a person explained to me the truths of *Rom 6:6 and 6:11*, that on the Cross Jesus had broken the power of anger and had set me free. For 14 days I praised and thanked God for the truths of *Rom 6*, and within 14 days 90+% of anger had left my life. **God's power is released by faith and confession.**

As we keep **the truths of Christ and God's Word in our heart and mouth**, we are able to obey God and walk in His ways.

Jesus is our example. When he was tried by Pilate He witnessed the good **confession** of exactly who He was. *1Tim 6:13*. When the High Priest, (Caiaphas), put Him under oath, *Mat 26:63*, to **confess** who He was, He openly declared the truth, *v64*, knowing that He would thereby be condemned to death on the cross. This was the Father's will for Him, so that we might be saved, *Jn 3:16*.

God knows the truth about our sins more clearly than we do, and as we **confess** our sins, that is, openly admit them and ask for forgiveness, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, *1Jn 1:9, Pro 28:13, Rev 1:5*. **Confessing** our sins is saying the same as God says about them.

As we believe and confess God's promises, 2Pet 1:4, they are established in our lives, and we are blessed by their fulfilment.

There is great power and blessing in believing and confessing God's Word.

Jesus emphasises the power of speaking out what God has spoken to you by His Spirit in *Mk 11:22,23*. He says, "Have faith in God", or "Have the faith of God", when replying to Peter's amazement of the fig tree withering away. And He says, "Truly I say to you, **whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and shall not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things that he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.**"

Keep a list in your devotional diary of the rhema scriptures the Lord has given to you, and **regularly confess them boldly in faith**, and they will be fulfilled.