

And With the Mouth Confession is made unto Salvation Romans 10:10

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In God's foreknowledge of us, He foreordained us to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29, 2Timothy 1:9, Ephesians 1:4.

God the Father is working in all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, to **transform us into the likeness of Christ**. Romans 12:2, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 1:27, 1John 4:17, Galatians 3:27, 2Corinthians 3:18, 2Corinthians 5:21, 1John 2:28.

The way God does this:

REVELATION OF HEARING GOD SPEAK TO US John 10:27, John 14:26, John 16:13, 1John 2:27.

The process that God uses to do this, is firstly, **to bring to us a revelation of His TRUTH, by the WORD of God**, the Bible. Psalm 119:105, 130.

As we read the Word of God, **God the Holy Spirit speaks to us** by drawing our attention to a word, verse or passage.

In this way God is giving us **FAITH**, because "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Romans 10:17.

BELIEVING WHAT GOD HAS SAID John 11:40

Secondly, as we believe the Word God has spoken to us, and rejoice in it, Jeremiah 15:16, God counts our faith and belief of His Word, as our righteousness before Him. Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:5-9, Romans 10:10.

"For with the heart man believes unto righteousness." Romans 10:10.

AUDIBLE PROCLAMATION OF WHAT GOD HAS SAID BRINGS SALVATION Romans 10:10

Thirdly, as we hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, (for we know that He who promised is faithful, Hebrews 10:23), we, sooner or later, receive the fulfilment of the Word of Salvation God has spoken to us. Luke 1:45.

As we proclaim the Word God has spoken to us, God is always watching over His Word to bring it to pass.

Jeremiah 1:12. KJV, NASB, AMP V, Numbers 23:19.

"And with the mouth CONFESSION is made unto SALVATION." Romans 10:10, Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Psalm 1:1-3, (In Psalm 1, "meditate", *hagah* in the Hebrew, means "ponder by speaking to yourself", KJV margin note.

Also Joshua 1: 8), 2Corinthians 4:13, Psalm 116:8-10.

JESUS IS THE HIGH PRIEST OF OUR CONFESSION, Hebrews 3:1, watching over our speaking of His Word.

The Greek word translated "confession" or "profession" is *homologia* or *homologeō*, and it means "to say the same as"; (taken from Young's Concordance), in this case, saying the same as God has said to us. One person said, "No confession, no High Priest."

In God's creative process, He speaks the Word and then watches over His Word to bring it to pass. Genesis 1: 3, 6, 9, 14, Hebrews 11:4, Psalm 33:6, 9, Jeremiah 1:12. One person said, "The Father purposes a thing, the Son speaks it out, the Holy Spirit does it."

EXAMPLES

As a young father of three children, I became convicted of the sin of anger. I struggled against this, only to find that it was too strong for me. Someone posted me a copy of Watchman Nee's book, "The Normal Christian Life", which explained that the old nature of sin was put to death with Jesus Christ on the Cross, as it says in Romans 6:6 and 6:11. For two weeks I believed these two Scriptures and kept proclaiming them out aloud, and after two weeks there was a very major decrease of anger in my life.

For several months, before going to Kenya for five weeks, to work in the Gospel with an African brother from Uganda, I believed and proclaimed about 25 Scripture promises that it is God's will for us to heal the sick and cast out demons. As we took many meetings in Churches and Gospel outreaches, and leaders' gatherings, every person we prayed for was pretty much instantly healed and delivered. There was only one exception to this, where a person was blaming God for their disease. I have seen the same in Papua New Guinea, where nearly all were totally and instantly healed.

When our children were young and at a secular day school, their simple child's faith was being seriously damaged. As I cried before God with many tears, the Holy Spirit showed me Isaiah 54:13, Isaiah 49:25, and Isaiah 44:3, 4. As I claimed these Scriptures daily, with a believing heart of thanksgiving and praise, the Lord fulfilled His Word and delivered the children and made them strong followers of Jesus Christ. He also kept them through their teen age years as they went through many struggles.

There are many other examples of where faith proclamation of the Word of God, which He has made alive to me, has had very powerful effect to establish the purposes of God in my life and family. 2Peter 1:4, Psalm 1:1-3, Hebrews 10:23, Hebrews 6:12.