



## Matthew 10:32-33

### Believers Will Confess Christ

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## The Need to Confess Christ

### Matthew 10:32–33

Therefore everyone who **confesses** Me before men, I will also **confess** him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever **denies** Me before men, I will also **deny** him before My Father who is in heaven.

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## Confession and Failure

### Matthew 16:16–17

Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**” 17 And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

### Matthew 26:34

Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this *very* night, before a rooster crows, **you will deny Me three times.**”

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## Applications

1. We must know that the confession of Christ is the outward profession that comes from the inward possession of faith.
2. The central role of the Holy Spirit is to bring about the confession of Christ in the lives of believers.
3. We should all live to have Christ confess us before the Father!

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## Confession and Faith

### Romans 10:9–10

...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; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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## Confession and Perseverance

### 1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made **the good confession** in the presence of many witnesses.

### Hebrews 11:13

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and **having confessed** that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

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## When We Fail, He Intercedes

### **2 Timothy 2:11–13**

It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; 12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; 13 **If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.**

## The Spirit's Role in Confessing Christ

### **John 15:26**

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me...**

### **1 Corinthians 12:3**

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and **no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.**

## Live to Please Christ!

### **John 12:42–43**

Nevertheless **many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him**, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

## Live to Please Christ!

### **Revelation 3:5**

**He who overcomes** will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, **and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**