Confess Him

Tony Mauck · Romans 10:8–13

INTRODUCTION

- How long has it been since you heard a sermon on the good confession?
- If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved.
- So the goal of this lesson this morning is simply your confession.

1 A Declaration of One's Allegiance

1 Timothy 6:12–14; John 18:37; Acts 8:37

- A confession of Jesus is simply a declaration of one's allegiance. In the New Testament, it is declared by both words and actions.
- Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession.
- We need witnesses for our confession.
- Jesus confessed the truth that he was indeed a king.
- It speaks to a common practice of early disciples confessing Jesus with their mouth prior to their being baptized.

2 Confession Must Go Beyond Mere Words

Luke 6:46; Matthew 10:32–33; Matthew 10:38

- This confession must go beyond mere words.
- Why do you call me Lord? And do not do the things that I say.
- It's more than words. It is a confession of one's life.
- You will need to confess. Regardless of the consequences.

3 As Essential as Repentance and Baptism

Romans 10:10; 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 3:19

- It's a declaration of our allegiance to Jesus Christ, and it's as essential in the salvation process as repentance and baptism.
- The only step in our initial salvation in coming into Christ that's mentioned in Romans chapter 10 is the confession with our lips.
- Paul is using shorthand, to speak of righteousness based on faith instead of seeking a righteousness based on law.
- So any one of the steps can be spoken of in relation to the whole.

4 Confession Issues from Positive Association

Mark 8:34–38

- How am I going to get you to confess the Lord? Let me tell you when that happens. That issues from positive association.
- If we are positive about our association with some cause, we don't have any problem whatsoever telling people where we stand on it.
- You realize who Jesus is? He's the greatest person that ever lived.
- For whoever is ashamed of me and my words and the adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him.
- When he comes with his holy angels, you're going to want to be on his side.

5 Everyone's Going to Confess Him

Romans 14:10–11; Philippians 2:8–11; Matthew 23:11–12

- There's a day coming when everyone will. Everyone's going to confess him, but by then it may be too late.
- Every knee is going to bow, and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus is Lord.
- Romans 14 says, every tongue will confess on the day of judgment. Philippians 2 says, every tongue should confess.
- It doesn't matter what other people think about my confession of Jesus. Because one day they're going to confess it.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you declare your allegiance outside the camp?

MY NOTES