

“THE GOOD CONFESSION”

I. For the phrase, “The Good Confession,” we must turn to 1 Tim. 6:11-16.

- A. Timothy was reminded by Paul that he made it.
- B. Our Savior confessed Himself before Pilate. John 18:33-38
- C. Notice, in passing, that our Lord was crucified because of His teaching. Verse 19.

II. We are commanded to make the “Good Confession.”

- A. Jesus commanded it. Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 12:8-9; Rom. 10:9-10
(Mat 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.
(Rom 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.
- B. The very Spirit of God assists us in making (I Cor 12:3).
(1 Cor 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.
- C. Every living soul will make it (Phil 2:9-11).
(Phi 2:9-11 NASB) For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, (10) so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

III. Examples of the “Good Confession” in the New Testament:

- A. Nathanael confessed Christ. John 1:49
(John 1:49 NASB) Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."
- B. Martha made it. John 11:27
(John 11:27 NASB) She *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world."
- C. Peter made it. Matt. 16:13-20
- D. The Ethiopian Eunuch confessed Christ. Acts 8:37
(Act 8:37 NASB) [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]
- E. The Pentecostal converts, 3000 souls, accepted Jesus as Lord. Acts 2:37
(Act 2:36-37 NASB) "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified." (37) Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Conclusion. Will you be the very next one to confess Christ?

Confession -- kon-fesh'un (éää, *ya dha h*; i *iiää'ù*, *chomologe 'o*), and their derivatives): The radical meaning is “acknowledgment,” “avowal,” with the implication of a change of conviction or of course of conduct on the part of the subject. In English “profession” (the King James Version 1Ti 6:12; Heb 3:1; Heb 4:14),