

The Doctrine of Faith and Faithfulness pt. 4

Various Scriptures

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” -Romans 10:9

In your opinion, why is it important that we profess and confess our faith in Jesus Christ?

*The _____ commands us. *Affirms our _____.

*Spread the _____.

Confession of Faith: The acknowledgement of and commitment to God. Simply put, it is the declaration and commitment to God or particularly to Jesus Christ.

Confess: Greek word *homologeō*: together, speak to a conclusion, to speak the same, to agree, to profess, to align with or endorse, declare and admit.

Who should we come together and agree with? Why?

Cross Reference: Isaiah 1:18-19

Confession and Profession in the Old Testament:

In the Old Testament, the people of God would take 3 scriptures and recite them twice daily. This declaration of faith called the Shema. Even today many Jews continue this practice. Here are the following terms and scriptures:

Shema: Hebrew word to listen, hear, call gather together, carefully, certainly, consent, consider.

❖ **Remember faith comes by _____! Romans 10:17**

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

A Call to Trust God

*Declaration of Faith: God is _____.

This is a statement of monotheism. Some believe in many gods to do different things. This was a reminder to God's people then and today that the Lord our God is able to handle all things by himself.

*Dedication of Faith: _____ the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

How can we love God like this today? What are some things we can do?

*Demonstration of Faith:
How do you demonstrate your faith?

Share with your _____. Remind _____

- Deuteronomy 11:13-21

A Call to Obey God

We are blessed by God when we _____ Him.

Notice how they would be blessed: 11:14-15

*Rain (early and latter) *Crops * _____ *Oil *Food for livestock

*Satisfaction

We suffer when we _____ God.

Notice how they would suffer: 11:17

*The Lord's anger *Drought *No produce * _____

Just like their call to have faith in God, they were to teach and train their children to obey God in the same manner. 11:18-21

- Numbers 15:37-41

A Call to Remember God

It is important to have things in place that _____ and encourage us to trust and obey God.

In these verses God commanded Moses to have the children of Israel make tassels to remind them that they were God's people and to obey His word.

What is one thing you can do to remind you of who God is and what He has done for you?

Confession and Profession in the New Testament:

In the New Testament, Jesus fulfills and reinforces what was stated in the Laws of Moses. One's public acknowledgement of Jesus is the basis for Jesus' own acknowledgement of that believer to God. This is illustrated in several passages of scripture throughout the New Testament.

- Romans 10:9

Confession validates our Faith

What do you believe about Jesus Christ? Are there some things in the Bible that you don't believe about Him? Matthew 15:18

*Virgin birth

*Christ in the Messiah

*Christ is the Son of God

*Lived a _____ life

*Suffered, bled and died for all the sin of mankind

*The lamb of God

*His blood is the _____ sacrifice

*Arose from the dead 3 days later

*He is alive today in Heaven

*He has _____ power

*Makes intercession for us

*He's coming back for His glorious church

- Matthew 10:32-33; Hebrews 10:23; Revelation 3:5

Confession Affirms our Faith

On that day, Jesus is either going to affirm us or not. What is clear is our confession of who He is must be in line with His word not only for ourselves, but for the betterment of His church.

*We are affirmed by the Lord

*We are affirmed by the church

- Luke 2:15-18; 24:9-10; Mark 5:19; John 4:28-30

Confession encourages others in their Faith

Testimony of the shepherds about the _____ of Jesus.

Testimony of the women who had been to the _____ tomb.

Testimony of the man who was demon possessed.

Testimony of the women at the well

As you reflect on these, why do you think testimonies so important? What are you doing to tell your story about what Jesus has done for you?

“Our words and our works are evidence that our profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is true.”