

# Confession will save you!

**1- Romans 10:9-13:** *“That 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. For it is with our heart that we believe and are justified, and it is with our mouth that we confess and are saved...for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’.”*

**A.** So, all I’ve got to do is “*call on the name of the Lord*” by saying the words: “*Jesus is Lord,*” and I’ll be saved? Jesus said you had to do more than just call on His Name --- you have to **obey the commands** of God, **do His will,** and **put Christ’s words into practice!**

**(1) Matthew 7:21-23:** *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, **but only he who does the will of My Father** who is in Heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your Name, and in your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!’ Therefore, **everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the **Rock** (**I Corinthians 10:4 says the ‘rock’ is ‘Christ’**). The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the Rock. **But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, **AND IT FELL** with a great crash!”*

**(SEE: “YES, YOU CAN FALL FROM GRACE!”)**

**(2) James 2:19** says that even the demons “*believe*” in God, and Luke 4:41 tells us that **demons** even “*confessed*” Jesus as the Son of God. But, they neither obeyed God, nor put Christ’s words into practice.

**(3)** When Paul said “*Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved,*” he was quoting **Joel 12:32**, which was an Old Testament prophecy of Jesus Christ, who would come and save not only the Jews, but every Nation on Earth.

**B.** How did Paul, himself (author of this Book), “*call on the Name of the Lord?*”

(1) According to Paul's own words in **Acts 22:10-16**: "*What shall I do Lord? I asked. Get up, the Lord said, and go into Damascus. There you will be told...A man named Ananias came to see me...He stood beside me and said...And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and wash your sins away, calling on His Name.*"

C. So, why didn't Paul explain there was more that you had to do, other than just **believing** Christ rose from the dead, **calling on the Name of the Lord**, and **confessing** that He is Lord? HE DID! **Read what he said before Chapter 10:**

(1) **Romans 2:4-8**: "*Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness (grace) should lead you to repentance? But because of your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself, for the Day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed! God will give to each person according to what he has done (erga, works). To those who by persistence in doing good (ergou, works) seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the Truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger!*"

(2) **Romans 5:1**: "*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*"

(3) **Romans 6:3-5**: "*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death (baptism), we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.*"

(4) **Romans 8:9-17**: "*And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ...And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He...will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation --- but it is not to our sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to your sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit, you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. Those*

*who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God...we are God's children...heirs of God, and co-heirs with Christ."*

**D. If you want to know everything Paul said in the Book of Romans that you must do in order to be saved, you must read the whole Book, not just chapter 10!** Paul did not say you only needed to believe and confess Jesus as Lord in order to be saved. He also said you must repent, do good works, have faith, which will bring you into His grace; to be baptized, and to live according to the Holy Spirit, before he got to Chapter 10!

- (1) **Believing** will save you according to *Acts 16:31* (but not by itself, according to *James 2:14-26*).
- (2) **Repentance** will save you, according to *Revelation 2:5* (but not by itself, according to *Hebrews 6:4-6, and Matthew 21:28-32*). SEE: "YOU MUST REPENT!"
- (3) **Confession** will save you, according to *Romans 10:9,10* (but not by itself, according to *Matthew 7:21-23*).
- (4) **Baptism** will save you, according to *I Peter 3:21* (but not by itself, according to *Acts 8:13-21*). SEE: "DID JESUS COMMAND ME TO BE BAPTIZED IN WATER?"
- (5) **Grace** will save you, according to *Ephesians 2:8,9* (but not by itself, according to *II Corinthians 6:1, II Peter 2:18-22, Galatians 5:4, and I Corinthians 9:27*). SEE: "YES, YOU CAN FALL FROM GRACE!"
- (6) **Works** will save you, according to *Revelation 20:11-15* (but not by itself, according to *Romans 4:1-5*). SEE: "THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY 'FAITH ONLY'"

**2- Jesus said in Matthew 10:32:** "Whoever *acknowledges (confesses)* Me before men, I will also *acknowledge (confess)* him before My Father in Heaven." **But, did Jesus ever tell us how to confess Him publicly? Did He tell us exactly what to say?**

**A. Matthew 16:13-18:** "Jesus asked His disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' He asked. 'Who do you say I am?' **Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'** Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, **for this was not revealed to you by man, but by My Father in Heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter (which means petros or moveable stone), and on this Rock (petra, or immovable rock --**

**- that He is the Christ --- according to I Corinthians 10:4), I will build My Church’.”**

- (1) Jesus called Peter, “*petros*” or, a moveable stone that you can easily pick up and throw. He said He would build His Church on the “*petra*” or, ***immoveable rock***. The “*petra*” rock in the confession that God revealed to Peter: That Jesus is “*The Christ, the Son of the living God.*” **Jesus built His Church on Himself, not on Peter. I Corinthians 10:4 confirms that “The Rock (*petra*) was Christ.”**
  - (2) This is the same exact confession that God revealed to **Martha** in **John 11:25-27**, just before Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead.
  - (3) This is also the same exact confession the **Eunuch** gave before Philip baptized him in **Acts 8:36-38**.
  - (4) Could this be the same confession that **Paul made before he was baptized in Acts 22:10-16**? Is it the same confession that **Paul taught Timothy in I Timothy 6:12**: “*Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your **good confession** in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this commandment.*”
- 3- The only confession in the Bible that Jesus said was **revealed to us from God** (not man), and that **He would build His Church upon**, is:  
**“I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD!”**  
AND...WE ARE “**CHARGED**”...  
**TO “KEEP THIS COMMANDMENT!”**
- 4- So, what public confession did you make?