

# True Confessions

Romans 10:9-10



# Not the magazines



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- At the checkout – mostly fabricated or things that are “a shame to speak of” (Eph. 5:12)
- **Confession** – 2 uses in the New Testament
  - Confess sins – James 5:16
  - Confess faith in Christ – Romans 10:9-10
- Today we will focus on the Confession of our faith in Christ.

# Romans 10:9-10

- 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

# **A True Confession is A public declaration**

- **Verse 9** confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
- **Verse 10** with the mouth confession is made
- **Matthew 10:32** Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

# **A True Confession is A public declaration**

- Before men – public
- Large crowd – at a church worship service
- Small crowd – in a private home
- Just the one doing the baptizing

# A True Confession is Recognition of who Jesus is

- **John 8:24** Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."
- How would you answer the question?
- **Matthew 16:15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- Peter answered – "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (v. 16)

# A True Confession is Pledge of Allegiance

- Jesus is LORD
- Master, Ruler, Authority
- One who is in control, In charge
- Is Jesus LORD of your life?
- **Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.



# A True Confession is Pledge of Allegiance

- Jesus is LORD
- **Philippians 2:9-11** 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# A True Confession is Step to Salvation

- **Romans 10:10b** with the mouth confession is made unto salvation
- Unto – toward, with a view to, in the direction of
- Faith and repentance come first
- Baptism follows this confession

# Have you made the True Confession?

- **Faith and repentance come first**
- **FAITH** – Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, Lord and Savior?
- **REPENTANCE** – Have you decided to stop sinning and live in a new direction?

# **Have you made the True Confession?**

- **Faith and repentance come first**
  - **Make the true confession**
- **Are you ready to confess faith in Jesus?**
  - **Baptism follows this confession**
- **Are you ready to be baptized?**