

## **A DEEPER LOOK AT CONFESSION**

1. Text: Matthew 10:28-33
2. In verse 32 is the word confess. The Greek word homologeō literally means “to say the same thing,” and means and is translated confess, declare, acknowledge, affirm publicly, to profess, promise, admit.
3. Confession is important. Part of salvation (Romans 10:9-10)
4. Have we missed some of the great, practical depths with confession? Is there something more to it than we usually discuss? Let’s see it again.

### **I. A New Approach To Confession**

1. “Modern motivation” materials. Actually very much like Bible.
2. “Affirmation of success” What we say has great power. What we say demonstrates what we are but also determines what we are.
3. Think of negative messages in our “self-talk.” I never feel good, don’t get the breaks, can’t do that, can’t learn, etc. Those affirmations come true!
4. We can profess truths in a positive way and it can make a great difference in our lives.

### **II. Applications Of Confession**

1. Obvious application: We’re simply affirming or declaring something to ourselves and the world about our faith. Moderns are just beginning to see what God has revealed thousands of years ago: the tremendous power, life, potential of our professions.
2. Matthew 10:32 is more than mere fact of Christ, but includes His whole person, principles, and purposes.
3. Two facets of confession: Christ (text) and sin (I John 1:9) but in both is strength because they lead to the Savior.
4. Words are important: Matthew 12:36-37 By your words you will be justified or condemned. MacArthur: “I shall return.” Dater after 6 months: “I love you.”

### **III. The Aims Of Confession**

1. Salvation. Romans 10:9-10
2. Shows our faith’s foundations. Where we put our hope and confidence.
3. Exalts the name of Christ. See Philippians 2:9-11
4. Ties us closely to the Lord. In our mind, His mind, others’ minds.
5. Meets that important Psychological principle: relation of mouth and mind. We voice our values. Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart for out of it spring the issues of life.

### **IV. The Assets Of Confession**

1. Makes it a better world. Any tiny affirmation of right and holy is good.
2. Encourages others who hear you. I Timothy 6:12
3. Strengthens and commits us. I John 4:15; Hebrews 4:14.

### **V. The Appeal For Action**

1. Do we not need to confess, express, profess our faith more?
2. Remember Matthew 10:32-33.
3. This world needs our professions voiced. Does silence assume assent?
4. Remember what others have said. Joshua 24:15; Philippians 4:13; Romans 8:28.

Conclusion:

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