

# The Public Confession of Christ

*Romans 10:9-10*

*What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?*

**Matthew 16:26**

*The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”* **Acts 16:29-30**

*They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”*

*The first step in coming to God is faith.* **Acts 16:31**

## How to Become a Christian

**1. The first step in coming to God is faith.**

**2. The second step is repentance.**

**What is meant by confession?**

*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.*

**Romans 10:9**

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

**James 5:16**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* **1 John 1:9**

*Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”* **Matthew 16:16**

*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, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.* **Matthew 16:17-19**

*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

**Isaiah 53:7**

*Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*

**Acts 8:35**

*As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?”*

**Acts 8:36**

*Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The eunuch answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”*

**Acts 8:37\***

**Baptism is a visible testimony to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.**

**Why is Confession Commanded?**

**1. It solidifies our personal decision.**

*“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my*

*Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.* **Matthew 10:32**

## **2. It is an inspiration to others.**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* **Hebrews 10:24**

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.* **2 Corinthians 12:9**

### 3. It expresses our gratefulness to God.

*A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” John 9:24*

*He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” John 9:25*

### How are we to confess?

*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.*

**Romans 10:9**

*“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.* **Matthew 7:21**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

*Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.*

**Hebrews 13:15-16**

*“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.” **Psalm 107:2***

*Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.* **John 12:42**

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*

**Matthew 5:14-15**

*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

**Matthew 5:16**

*As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

**Romans 10:11-13**