

PRO 18:21 Death & life are in the power of the tongue, & those who love it will eat its fruit.

- JAM 3:2** We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he SAYS, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and IS ITSELF SET ON FIRE BY HELL.
- MAT 12:34** You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. 36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless WORD (rhema) they have spoken. 37 For by your WORDS (logos) you will be acquitted, and by your WORDS (logos) you will be condemned."

There are **THREE types of Christian CONFESSIO**N talked about in the Bible:

I. The **first** is **Confession of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.** (**ROM 10:9-10**) You do not even become a Christian until you first do this. Some people say an unbeliever should first confess all his/her sins, and then they will become a Christian. But that is "getting the cart before the horse"! We do confess that we are sinners, and that we need a savior. We **BECOME** Christians by confessing the Lordship of Jesus, **NOT** by confessing all the sins we ever committed.

II. The **second** is **Confession of sin(s)** which we do **AFTER** we are saved. (**1JO 1:3-9**) Our goal should be to NOT sin. But if we do, we have a promise from God that he will cleanse us from the sins we commit. This keeps us in fellowship with God.

III. The **third** type is the **Confession of Faith** in what God has already **done** for us in Christ, who we **are** in Christ, what we **have** in His Word, and our **confidence** in His **finished work.** (**2CO 4:13**)

Keep in mind that these three confessions **MUST** occur in the above order. You do not receive forgiveness for sin **UNTIL** you first confess the Lordship of Christ. You **CANNOT** operate in faith and successfully confess in faith and receive from God until you have confessed any known sin, which keeps you in **FELLOWSHIP** with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (**1JO 3:19-22**)

CONFESSION comes **BEFORE** POSESSION!! (**MAR 11:24**)

- MAR 11:22** "Have faith in God, (or have the God kind of faith)" Jesus answered. 23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone SAYS to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he SAYS will happen, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Pray the ANSWER, not the problem)
- ROM 4:17** As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—THE GOD WHO GIVES LIFE TO THE DEAD AND CALLS THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE. 18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

ROM 4:17 illustrates an essential element in the life of faith: **To operate in faith, we must CALL THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE (OR ALREADY ARE).** Did you get that? Say this phrase over and over again until it gets down inside of you. This does **NOT** say we are to call things that **are** as though they are **not**. That would be focusing on the problem rather than the answer. We are to see ourselves **WITH** the answer **BEFORE** we have it! Look carefully at how Jesus prayed and ministered to people. He prayed and spoke the **ANSWER**, not the problem!! **Confession is faith's way of expressing itself !**

- MAR 4:35** That day when evening came, he SAID to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, REBUKED the wind and SAID to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"
- LUK 13:11** and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and SAID to her, "Woman, you

are set free from your infirmity.” 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

7. **LUK 17:5** The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can SAY to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. (HOW do you increase YOUR faith? By USING it. You use it by SAYING it.)

The Greek word for CONFESSION is HOMOLOGEO <3670>. HOMO means together, the same, or agreement. LOGEO comes from LOGOS, which is God's written Word. What are we to confess? THE SAME THINGS THAT GOD'S WORD SAYS!! Otherwise, we are not in agreement with Him. (Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?)
Read the Gospels carefully. You will find that Jesus spoke the solution or desired answer, NOT the problem in every situation.

8. **ACT 14:7** And they were preaching the gospel there. 8 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 SAID with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.
9. **MAR 4:26** He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”
10. **GEN 8:22** “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”
11. **LUK 8:9** Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” 10 And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ 11 “Now the parable is this: **THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD.** 12 **“Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. (so THE SOIL IS THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE)** 13 “But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. 14 “Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15 “But **the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.** 16 “No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. 17 “For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. 18 **“Therefore take heed how you hear.** For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

CONFESSION can be defined as follows:

AFFIRMING what we believe

TESTIFYING to what we know

WITNESSING to a truth we have embraced

12. **HEB 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our CONFESSION (homologeō).** 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.
13. **HEB 3:1** Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle and High Priest of our CONFESSION, Christ Jesus.**
14. **2CO 4:13** It is written: **“I BELIEVED; THEREFORE I HAVE SPOKEN.”** **With that SAME spirit of faith WE ALSO BELIEVE AND THEREFORE SPEAK,** 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.
15. **PSA 45:1** My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; **MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A READY WRITER.**
16. **1CO 1:26** Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and **THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT—TO NULLIFY THE THINGS THAT ARE.**

ROM 10:10 can be generalized, in the sense that **EVERYTHING we receive from God is by first BELIEVING in our heart and second by CONFESSING with our mouth.** These two processes go hand in hand. One will not work without the other. We sometimes try to believe without confessing, but

with no avail. Equally, confessing without believing does not work. We also need to recognize that what we are confessing and believing **FOR** is **ALREADY DONE** in Christ! **We speak of things that appear not as though they already are!** Faith is always **NOW**, not future.

17. **ROM 10:8** But what does it (the righteousness that is of faith) say? **“The WORD (rhema) is near you, in your MOUTH and in your HEART”** (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 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.** 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For **“whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” 17 So then **FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD (RHEMA) OF GOD.**
18. **2PE 1:3** **His divine power HAS GIVEN us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him** who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 **Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.**
19. **2CO 1:18** But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” 20 For **no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him THE “AMEN” IS SPOKEN BY US to the glory of God.**
20. **ISA 55:8** “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 **As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,** 11 **so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.** 12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.”

**There are TWO kinds of people in the world:
those that say I CAN and those that say I CAN'T. They are always BOTH right.
NUM 4:28 “Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the Lord,
‘just as you have SPOKEN in My hearing, so I will do to you:’**

21. **PRO 10:20** **The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;** The heart of the wicked is worth little. 21 **The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.**
22. **PSA 34:11** Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? 13 **Keep your TONGUE from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.** 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.
23. **PSA 141:3** **Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.**
24. **PRO 10:18** Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool. 19 **In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.**
25. **EPH 4:29** **Let no corrupt WORD (logos) proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace (charis) to the hearers.** 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 **Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and EVIL SPEAKING be put away from you,** with all malice.
26. **COL 4:6** **Let your speech always be with grace,** seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
27. **TIT 1:10** For **there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers,** especially those of the circumcision, 11 **whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.**
28. **ECC 10:11** A serpent may bite when it is not charmed; **The BABBLER is no different.** 12 **The words of a wise man’s mouth are gracious, But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up;** 13 The words of his mouth begin with foolishness, And the end of his talk is raving madness.

29. **ROM 3:10** As it is written: “**There is none righteous, no, not one;** 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” 13 “**Their throat is an open tomb; With their TONGUES they have practiced deceit**”; “**The poison of asps is under their LIPS**”; 14 “**Whose MOUTH is full of cursing and bitterness.**”
30. **IJO 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 **If we CONFESS our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Faith **GROWS** with your confession. You will never believe beyond your confession. Just as a person is never saved until they confess that Jesus **IS** their LORD, so also you will never be a conqueror until you confess that you **ARE** one. Faith's confessions **CREATE** reality. Confession is the door to the supernatural. Faith works by saying just as it works by praying; your prayers and your confession **MUST** agree with one another. Another example is healing. God does **NOT** promise in His Word that He **WILL** heal you; He says that by Jesus' stripes you **ARE HEALED**. See the difference?

Satan attacks us with feelings or thoughts from **OUTSIDE** us. Examples are symptoms of sickness, fear, lack, doubt, strife, etc. If you confess his attack, you **RECEIVE** what he is trying to give you! **Your confession signs for his package**, and it comes **INTO** your being. If instead we reaffirm what we **HAVE** in Christ, Satan has to take his package and **FLEE!!** We take the sword of the Spirit, God's **WORD**, and we resist the devil. He **MUST FLEE!!**

God always follows His **WORD** with signs, to confirm the truth of His word by fulfilling it. If there are no miracles in your life, it is because there is no **WORD** in your heart and mouth to **CONFIRM**. One of the best ways to GROW in Christ is to constantly confess who you ARE in Him. There are many scriptures with the phrase "in Him", "in Christ", "in Whom", etc. that reveal these truths. Go through your Bible and find them and begin to confess them daily. Your life will surely change from one of defeat to one of abundant life, wisdom, health, prosperity, fruitfulness, holiness, and many more.

31. **JOB 22:28** You will also **DECLARE (DECREE) a thing, & it will be established for you**; So light will shine on your ways.
32. **PRO 13:3** **He who guards his mouth preserves his life**, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.
33. **PRO 16:23** The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips. 24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.
34. **PRO 17:27** He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. 28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.
35. **PRO 18:20** A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth, From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.
36. **PRO 21:23** **Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.**
37. **PRO 25:11** **A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.**
38. **PRO 29:20** Do you see **a man hasty in his words**? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
39. **PSA 33:6** **By the word of the Lord the heavens were made**, & all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
40. **PSA 34:13** **Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.**
41. **PSA 141:3** **Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.**
42. **ECC 3:7** A time to tear, And a time to sew; **A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;**
43. **ECC 12:11** The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.
44. **LUK 12:8** “Also I say to you, **whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.** 9 “But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.
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47. **JAM 1:26** **If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.**
48. **JAM 3:10** Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.
49. **IPE 3:10** For “He who would love life And see good days, **Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.**

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50. **PSA 140:3** **They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;** The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah
51. **JER 9:3** “And like their bow **they have bent their tongues for lies.** They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me,” says the Lord.
52. **PSA 57:4** My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And **their tongue a sharp sword.**
53. **PSA 73:9** **They set their mouth against the heavens,** And their tongue walks through the earth.
54. **PSA 109:2** For **the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.**

55. **PRO 26:28** **A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.**
56. **PSA 52:2** **Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.** 3 You love evil more than good, Lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah 4 You love all devouring words, You deceitful tongue.
57. **PROS 12:18** There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.
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