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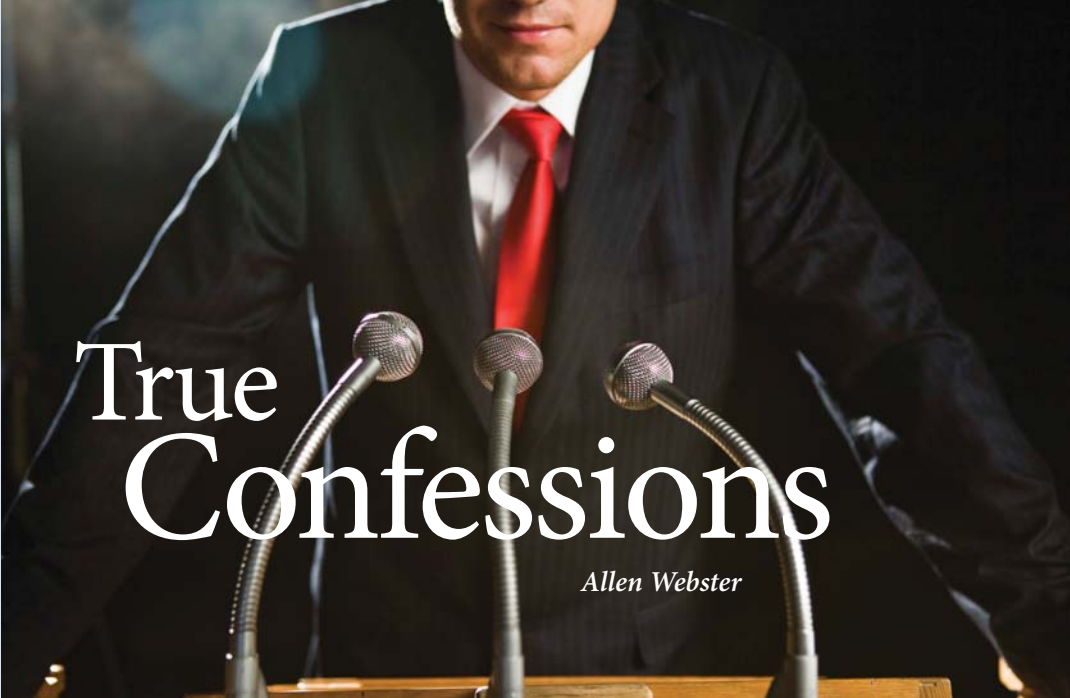
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True Confessions

Allen Webster

Tabloids, cable television, and the dark side of the Internet have found a lucrative market in “true confessions.” Ironically, these are often completely fabricated, or, when true, usually belong to that category Scripture describes as “a shame even to speak of” (Ephesians 5:12).

Still, there is a place for “true confessions.” In fact, God really likes true confessions. He notes them. He collects them. He celebrates them. He wants every living person to make one.

The true confession God is looking for is the one the Ethiopian treasurer first made years ago: “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (Acts 8:37). God wants to hear it from every mouth He ever made, including yours and mine (Exodus 4:11).

In this article, let’s analyze perhaps the greatest New Testament passage on confessing Christ:

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in

thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10).

**A TRUE CONFESSION IS
A PUBLIC DECLARATION
OF AN INNER CONVICTION.**

Romans 10:9-10 shows that confession involves both mind and mouth. It is intellectual, audible, verbal, and emotional (Romans 1:16; 10:11). It is not essential to make one’s true confession in a large crowd (although one should not be ashamed to do so), since only Philip is mentioned as present to hear the Ethiopian’s confession (Acts 8:37), but it is not a confession of faith if no one hears it. It is possible to have a confession without conviction, and it is possible to have conviction without confession (John 12:42-43). To be acceptable to God, one must have both conviction and confession. >>



A true confession

is a public declaration of an inner conviction.

A TRUE CONFESSION IS RECOGNITION OF JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD AND THE MESSIAH.

Our passage says we are to confess “Jesus.” In the context of Romans 10, Paul is discussing the Jews’ rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. He is urging Jewish readers to reconsider this decision because salvation rides on what one decides about who Jesus is (John 8:24).

Jesus wants to know each person’s answer to the question He first put to His disciples: “Whom say ye that I am?” (Matthew 16:15). The purpose of the New Testament is to provide sufficient evidence of that essential truth (John 20:30–31). It refers to Jesus as “Saviour” sixteen times (Luke 2:11; John 4:42; Acts 5:31; 13:23; Ephesians 5:23; Philippians 3:20; 2 Timothy 1:10; Titus 1:4; 2:13; 3:6; 2 Peter 1:1, 11; 2:20; 3:2, 18; 1 John 4:14). An unbiased examination provides enough indisputable evidence that all can join with Peter in saying, “We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:69).

A TRUE CONFESSION IS A PERSONAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO JESUS.

Our text says that one must confess “the Lord Jesus” (Romans 10:9; cf. John 20:28). By doing so, one has affirmed that he believes that Jesus is the living (raised) Savior (meaning of *Jesus*), and Master (meaning of *Lord*).

Of course, Jesus has all authority over us whether we admit it or not (Matthew 28:18), but if we submit to

Him now, He blesses us with salvation. The time is coming when “every knee should bow” and “every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:10–11). If we have not with gladness confessed Him here, then we shall with sadness confess Him there. If we have not confessed Him unto salvation, we will confess Him then unto condemnation (2 Timothy 2:12; cf. Matthew 25:10–13).

A TRUE CONFESSION IS A STEP ON THE ROAD TO SALVATION.

Our text says confession is to “be saved” and that with “the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9–10). The confession of one’s faith in Jesus as God’s Son is as essential as faith itself (cf. 1 John 2:18–23; 4:1–3, 15). Such a confession pleases Christ. When Peter confessed, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God,” Jesus was pleased and answered, “Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 16:17).

There are other steps involved in salvation, of course. No single verse, be it Romans 10:9–10 or any another, contains God’s entire plan of salvation. This passage, for instance, does not mention repentance, which Jesus says is essential (Luke 13:3).

The New Testament shows five steps involved in salvation. Listed alphabetically these include: baptism, confession, faith, hearing, and repentance.

In what order should the salvation steps be done?

- Since Jesus says, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16), we know that faith precedes baptism (ruling out infant baptism).
- Since Peter said, “Repent, and be baptized” (Acts 2:38), we know that repentance also precedes baptism. Logically, one would not repent until he believed, for belief is the motivation for change, so the order must be Faith, Repent, Baptism.
- Since belief in the heart precedes confession in the mouth (Romans 10:10), we know that belief is placed ahead of confession. Logically, confession must follow faith (since that is what is expressed) and precede baptism (so the one baptizing knows he is baptizing a believer, Acts 8:36–37). It is possible that one could confess faith before he repents, but he could not give an oath of allegiance to Christ if he had not turned from the world. So the order is Faith, Repent, Confess, Baptism.
- Since faith comes by hearing, and hearing by God’s word (Romans 10:17), we know that hearing precedes belief. Too, one could not confess something that he did not know. So the final order must be Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, and Baptism.

God is still in the saving business. What joy you will initiate around His throne when your true confession echos in the halls of heaven! ❀

A Deck of Cards

It was a quiet day; the guns, mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the Lord's day. As he sat there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?"

The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards."

The soldier said, "No sir. You see, since I don't have a Bible and can't buy one in this country, I've decided to think about the Lord by studying this deck of cards."

The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the **Ace**, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God (Ephesians 4:4-6).

The **Two** represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments (Hebrews 8:6-7).

The **Three** represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost (2 Corinthians 13:14).

The **Four** stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (cf. John 20:30-31).

The **Five** is for the five virgins that were wise (Matthew 25:1-13).

The **Six** is for the six days it took God to create the heavens and earth (Genesis 1:1-31).

The **Seven** is for the day God rested after making His creation (Genesis 2:1-3).

The **Eight** is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives—the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the earth (Genesis 6-9; 2 Peter 2:5).



The **Nine** is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him (Luke 17:17).

The **Ten** represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone (Exodus 20).

The **Jack** is a reminder of Satan, now the joker of eternal hell (1 Peter 5:8).

The **Queen** stands for the virgin Mary (Matthew 1:18-25).

The **King** stands for Jesus, for He is the King of all kings (1 Timothy 6:15).

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week—52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter (Genesis 1:14). Each suit has thirteen cards—there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for."

The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, he said, "Soldier, may I borrow that deck of cards?"

"Think on these things."

PHILIPPIANS 4:8



Kid Wisdom

When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" Don't answer.

Never tell your Mom her diet's not working.

Stay away from prunes.

Never let your three-year-old brother in the same room as your school assignment.

If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse.

Felt-tip markers are not good to use as lipstick.

Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat.

When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your Mom when she's on the phone.

"He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."

PROVERBS 15:15

God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Things a Man Should Know about Fatherhood

Fathers make a difference! The Bible gives them a lot of credit by assuming they can bring their children “up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

Christian parents must wake up to the emotional side of rearing children. The parallel passage (Colossians 3:20–21) warns against exasperating children, causing them to “be discouraged.”

Someone said, “Soft is the heart of a child. Do not harden it.” In 1 Thessalonians 2:5–11, Paul compares himself to a father with his own children (and to a nursing mother) when he describes his emotional interaction with new Christians. He speaks of gentleness, tenderness, affection, and comfort. He tells them they are dear to him. It is important to express as well as to feel these emotions.



For the Fathers

Don't worry, your dad didn't know what he was doing, either.

Your child, at birth, already has a deeply complicated relationship with his or her mother, and for the first year you are merely a curiosity.

For a couple of years after that, an amusement park ride. Then, a referee. Finally, a bank.

Ultimately, though, a father is the rock of the family and the wise confidant of his adult offspring.

“Then was our mouth filled with laughter.”

PSALM 126:2



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Sexual Intimacy Outside Marriage



Is it ever okay to have sexual relations before marriage? Is it ever acceptable to have an adulterous affair?

We all know that God says, “Flee fornication” (sexual immorality) (1 Corinthians 6:18), but did you know that unchastity can actually hurt you?

Certainly, there are many possible physical consequences (such as AIDS and other STDs). The only truly safe sex is abstinence followed by a strict monogamous relationship.

Besides the physical consequences, sexual intimacy outside marriage can destroy a relationship. Here are some statistics that you may not see in the mainstream news media or Hollywood.

(1) The divorce rate doubles for couples who engage in sex before marriage. This means that living

together or cohabiting prior to marriage is never a good idea.

(2) One of the surest ways to destroy your marriage is to be unfaithful to your spouse. Adultery is a factor in 83 percent of divorces each year.

(3) Adultery leading to divorce is now the number one factor leading to suicide in the USA. This ranks far above all other physical, financial, and psychological factors combined.

God knew what He was doing when He said not to commit adultery (Exodus 20:14). If you want a happy marriage, your chances are greatly enhanced if you keep sexual purity before and after marriage.

“Marriage is honorable.”

HEBREWS 13:4

How Old Is Grandpa?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events.

The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The grandfather replied, “Well, let me think a minute. I was born before

television

penicillin

polio shots

frozen foods

Xerox

contact lenses

Frisbees

credit cards

laser beams

ball-point pens

Pizza Hut

McDonald's

instant coffee

pantyhose

air conditioners

dishwashers

clothes dryers

and space travel.”

A nickel would buy enough stamps to mail a letter and two postcards.

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 and gas was 11 cents a gallon.”

You probably think this is a very old man. If so, you are in for a shock! This man would be only 69 years old.

“For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away”

JAMES 4:14



He continued, “When I was a boy, Ice cream cones and Pepsis were a nickel.”

I Caught Them with a Pole

Question: Since Paul answered the question, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” by saying, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (Acts 16:30–31), why do you teach that one must also be baptized?

Answer: The fact that faith is the only thing mentioned in Acts 16:31 does not mean that it was the only thing required.

Repentance is the only condition of salvation mentioned in Luke 13:3. Is it the only thing required? Surely not, as we can see by reading Acts 2:38. Baptism is the only condition of salvation mentioned in 1 Peter 3:21. Is it the only thing required? Surely not, as we can see by reading Mark 16:16.

In like manner, though belief is the

only condition of salvation mentioned in Acts 16:31, it is not the only thing required. To illustrate, one might reply to the question, “How did you catch so many fish?” by saying, “I caught them with a pole.” The pole is the only thing mentioned. Was it the only thing used? Surely not. There was the line, cork, sinker, hook, bait, and boat.

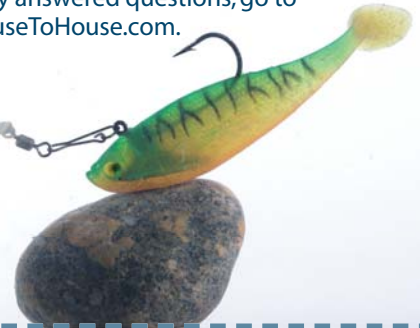
There were things necessary to bring about the salvation of the jailor other than just his belief. In fact, it is very interesting and noteworthy to observe when it is said that he did believe in God. It was after his baptism (verse 33) that verse 34 says he “rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.”

The point is this: his faith was not proven to be genuine until it had expressed itself in completing his

obedience unto Christ in submitting to the sacred act and command of being baptized. Saving faith, in the case of the alien sinner, always includes his being baptized. Yes, faith to save must be active (Galatians 5:6; Romans 16:26). Faith saves when faith obeys (Hebrews 11:7–8, 29–30).

—Wendell Winkler, *Things That Accompany Salvation*

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Roots, Fruits, Leaves, Flowers

Directions: Genesis 2:17; 3:7; 8:11; 9:20–21; Exodus 2:3; Numbers 13:23; Judges 9:10–15; Proverbs 25:11; Isaiah 38:21; 40:8; Matthew 3:10; 6:28–29; 13:5–6; 26:29; John 15:1; Romans 11:16; 1 Timothy 6:10; Revelation 22:2

1. What two fruits did spies bring out of Canaan? _____
2. What is a root of all [kinds of] evil? _____
3. Baby Moses was placed in a basket made from _____.
4. Paul tells us that if the root is holy, this also is holy _____
5. Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat from the fruit of _____
6. The grass withers and flowers fall, but this remains forever _____
7. This man is the first recorded to have planted a vineyard (and then got drunk on the wine he made): _____
8. Isaiah healed Hezekiah's boil by applying a poultice of _____
9. In the parable of the sower, why did the plants get scorched? _____
10. What kind of leaf did the dove bring back to Noah's ark? _____
11. Jesus told His disciples that He would not drink again of the fruit of the vine until _____
12. Solomon's glory was less than this flower _____
13. Jotham's parable tells of trees seeking a king. Which accepts the offer? _____
14. After Adam and Eve knew they were naked, what kind of leaves did they cover themselves with? _____
15. In Revelation what were the leaves of the tree of life used for? _____
16. John the Baptist said that every tree that did not produce good fruit would be _____?
17. Proverbs tells us that a word fitly spoken is as _____
18. Jesus is the _____ and His Father is the husbandman.

—adapted from Biblequizzes.com

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- The Jewish Bible and the Christian Bible (Old Testament) contain the same material but are divided differently. The Hebrew Bible contains 24 books which are divided into three sections called the Law (Torah), the Prophets (Nevi'im) and the Writings (Ketuvim). There are 5 books of the Law, 8 books of the Prophets, and 11 books of the Writings. The Christian Bible (Old Testament) has 39 books and divides them into books of law, history, poetry, and prophecy.
- The Bible's longest book is Psalms; the shortest is 3 John, while the middle book(s) are Micah and Nahum.
- The Old Testament's largest book is Psalms, and the smallest book is Obadiah.
- The shortest book in the New Testament is 3 John, if counting by words. If counting verses, the shortest is 2 John.
- The longest New Testament book is the Gospel of Luke, and Matthew and Acts have the most chapters, at 28.

"Learn of me."

MATTHEW 11:29

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The Need for Spiritual Revival

There is a great need for spiritual revival in this generation.

Let's quit hiring professionals to serve us and personally become humble servants of Christ (Luke 9:23).

Let's stop following a certain seminary position and take God's word as truth (John 8:32).

Let's stop pretending that preachers are inspired and are receiving direct revelation from God and study God's written revealed word to personally know the truth (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16).

Let's stop accepting the false notion that everyone is headed to heaven and realize sinners need to be converted (Matthew 7:13–15, 21).

Let's demand preaching that warns sinners of the condemnation of hell (Matthew 3:7–10; 5:22; 10:28; 16:23; 25:46).

Let's stop being manipulated by human traditions and doctrines and abide in the doctrine of Christ (Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7–9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15–17; 2 John 1:9).

Let's start taking our role as servants seriously and realize we personally have surrendered to the control of Christ (Romans 12:1; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 6:20).

Let's stop being controlled by outside councils, conventions, conferences, and human creeds and return to local congregational leadership (Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23).

Let's ask our members to give their money at the local level to support evangelism and benevolence first (1 Corinthians 16:1–2; Acts 2:44–47, 4:33–35).

Let's exhort every believer to sincerely participate in the worship (John 4:24) not as a spectator but as a priest (1 Peter 2:5, 9; Romans 12:1–2).

—Author Unknown

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

PSALM 85:6

A chaplain was speaking to a soldier on a cot in a hospital.

"You have lost an arm in the great cause," he said.

"No," said the soldier with a smile. "I didn't lose it—I gave it."

Jesus did not lose His life—He gave it (Galatians 2:20).

IRONIES ABOUT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

The blood that cost Him His life means life for me.

The blood that brought Him pain in shedding it brings me eternal peace.

The blood loss that surely caused Him sickness and fever heals my sin-sick soul.

The blood that was lost to Him is gain to me.

The blood that was hard to see on that day is a beautiful sight for my eye of faith today.

The blood that was shed in wrath by man reconciles man to God.

The blood that poured out from His wounds binds up my wounded soul.

The blood that was shed to His shame brings me the highest possible place of honor.

The blood that came from an unblemished, perfect sacrifice is essential to cover my blemishes and imperfections.

The blood from the Son of God makes me a child of God.

Blood and water came from Jesus at His death, but I contact His blood through the water of baptism (John 3:3, 5; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:4).

—Neal Pollard, Denver, Colorado

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." EPHESIANS 1:7



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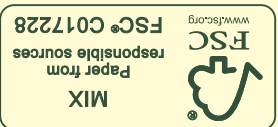
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Thoughts from the **HEART**



What Then?



A young man and an old man talked one day. Said the boy, "I think I'll go away From Father's old farm . . . don't know just when." The old man listened and asked, "What then?"

"I guess I'll have some fun in town The first few years . . . then settle down And get a job and earn a lot." The old man smiled and asked, "Then what?"

"Why then I'll meet the girl of my dreams, Whose folks have money; and then it seems I'll buy a fine home with everything new." The old man queried, "Then what will you do?"

"I guess I'll invest in bonds and stocks; That's where they say opportunity knocks. Maybe by that time I'll be governor." And the old man asked, "And then, what more?"

"I guess I'll retire if I please, And travel and live a life of ease." The old man thought as he scratched his head; "Then what will you do, my son?" he said.

For a moment the lad made no reply. Then he answered slowly, "I guess I'll die." A deep silence followed as both of them thought. Then the old man asked softly, "My boy, then what?"

—Bulletin Digest

Where will you be when you get where you're going?