

CONFUSION ABOUT CONFESSION

Romans 10:9-13

Introduction:

- Why is there so much confusion about confession today?
 1. We tend to read the Bible through the context of our t_____ or religious culture.
 2. We tend to jump to application rather than look at the scripture from the viewpoint of the original readers first.
- We must understand the scripture correctly to apply it correctly

Confusion About the Meaning of Confession (9a)

- What does the word “confess” mean?
 1. To a Catholic? – admitting (based on the practice of telling sins to a p_____)
 2. To a Protestant? – admitting (based on the practice of telling sins to G_____)
- What does the word “confess” mean to the first-century reader?
 1. The Greek word literally means “to speak the s_____”
 - a. I Jn 1:9 – we have to speak the same about our sin as whom? (circle one)
 - 1) society
 - 2) priest, pastor
 - 3) God
 - b. Confessing sin is more than just admitting sin; it is h_____ sin and wanting nothing to do with it (that is how God speaks of sin)
 2. To confess Jesus as Lord, means that we must agree with God about the L_____ of Jesus.

Confusion About the Manner of Confession (9b,10)

- The Greek tense of the word “confess”
 1. Does NOT point to an ongoing action (present tense)
 2. DOES point to an o_____ and for all action (aorist tense)
- How is this confession expressed once and for all?
 1. Are the following passages saying different things on how to be saved? _____, they are saying the same thing but in different ways.
 - a. Acts 2:38 – *Repent...and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*
 - 1) Some say that baptism is necessary for salvation, but if this were true e_____ passage on salvation would include baptism.
 - 2) Every first century person viewed Christian baptism as the p_____ way of identifying with Jesus as their Lord. Submitting to baptism was their faith response.
 - 3) The focus of this passage is on faith in the p_____ of Jesus – “in the name of Jesus Christ”
 - b. Acts 16:31 – *Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.*
 - 1) Faith cannot occur without r_____
 - 2) The focus of this passage is on faith in the p_____ of Jesus – “the Lord Jesus”
 - c. Rom 10:9 – *If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

- 1) The other passages do not mention the resurrection, but remember the g_____ was preached to the 3000 and to the jailor, which communicated the resurrection (I Cor 15:3,4)
- 2) Confession and believing in the heart go hand-in-hand (see verse 10 – *with the heart a person believes resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses resulting in salvation.*)
 - a) Is this talking about two different results? - _____, salvation is being declared righteous!
 - b) One cannot confess without believing in the heart!
2. Ultimately, confession is expressed in the once and for all action of trusting in the person of Jesus (who He is to you and what He did for you)

Confusion About the Matter of Confession (11-13)

●These verses explain what Jesus being “Lord” means.

1. Verse 11 quotes Is 28:16, which is a prophecy about the coming C_____. Paul applies to Jesus (*whoever believes in Him [Jesus as Lord] will not be disappointed*).
2. Verse 12 defines what Paul means by *whoever believes*:
 - a. Whoever you are, whether Jew or G_____
 - b. ALL who c_____ on Him (the Lord Jesus)
3. Verse 12 also tells us that Jesus is L_____ of all who believe.
4. Verse 13 is a quote from Joel 2:32 which Paul applies uses to clarify what it means to confess Jesus as Lord.
 - a. In Joel 2:32, your Bibles will have the word LORD in all capitals, which the forward of your Bible explains is the H_____ name of God – Yahweh (sometimes pronounced Jehovah)
 - b. Therefore, to confess Jesus as Lord is to trust in Him as Yahweh your God.

Conclusion: - now that we have understood this passage as the first century reader did, we can now properly apply it.

- Use this passage to confirm your salvation experience.
- Let this passage equip you to show people who Jesus is and what salvation is.