

**WHOEVER CONFESSES ME  
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Introduction:

Someone has said that “a person who confesses Jesus Christ but does not believe in Him is a hypocrite; a person who believes that Jesus is the Christ but does not confess Him is a coward; a person who neither believes in nor confesses Jesus Christ is an atheist; but one who believes in Jesus Christ and confesses Him is a Christian.” The New Testament clearly indicates that belief and confession are closely linked together. The Savior constantly challenged His hearers to confess Him.

**1. THE CONDITION OF CONFESSING CHRIST  
(10:32)**

(Mat 10:32 KJV) "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

A. A Personal Acceptance of Christ (10:32)

(Mat 10:32 KJV) "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

1. Confesses Me

(Rom 10:9-10 KJV) "That 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. {10} For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

B. A Public Acknowledgment of Christ (10:32)

(Mat 10:32 KJV) "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

2. Before Men

a. Christian Baptism

(Acts 2:41 KJV) "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

(Acts 8:36-37 KJV) "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? {37} And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

#### b. Christian Behavior

(Acts 19:18-19 KJV) "And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. {19} Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver."

## **2. THE COSTLINESS OF CONFESSING CHRIST (10:32)**

#### A. Spiritual Opposition (10:34)

(Mat 10:34 KJV) "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword."

#### B. Personal Defamation (10:25)

(Mat 10:25 KJV) "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?"

(Mat 5:11-12 KJV) "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. {12} Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

#### C. Physical Persecution (10:23)

(Mat 10:23 KJV) "But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."

## **3. THE CONSEQUENCE OF CONFESSING CHRIST (10:32)**

#### A. Presented to the Father (10:32)

(Mat 10:32 KJV) "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

#### B. Promoted by the Father (Matt. 20:23)

(Mat 20:23 KJV) "And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father."

#### **4. THE CONVERSE OF CONFESSING CHRIST (10:33)**

(Mat 10:33 KJV) "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

##### **A. Fearful Disavowal**

To disclaim knowledge of, responsibility for, or association with.

(Mat 7:23 KJV) "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

##### **B. Final Dismissal**

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#### **Conclusion**

Will you accept the Savior now and acknowledge Him publicly by your Christian belief, baptism, and behavior?