



# **CONFESSION**

## 1. **Definition**

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- to say the same thing as another, that is, to agree with, to assent
- to concede
  - a. not to refuse, to promise
  - b. not to deny
- to confess
- to declare
- to confess, that is, to admit or declare oneself guilty of what one is accused of

## 2. **The power of words**

- We are saved when we confess with our mouths – Rom 10:10
- Death and life is in the power of the tongue – Prov 18:21
- Angels only move to the voice of God's Word – Ps 103:20
- We will be justified and condemned by our words – Mt 12:36-37
- We must speak in line with the Word – Col 3:17
- Confession causes faith or fear – Rom 10:17
- Our spiritual life is determined by what we say – Pr 18:20, 12:14

## 3. **Confession in Proverbs**

- Prov 10:19-20  
19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.  
20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is worth little.
- Prov 10:31-32  
31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut out.  
32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.
- Prov 12:18  
There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health.
- Prov 12:22

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully are His delight.

- Prov 14:23  
In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty.
- Prov 15:28  
The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

#### 4. **Confession and the believer**

- God talks in faith.
- God "gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did" – Rom 4:17
- Through faith-filled words, God created the universe - Heb 11:3
- As sons of God we are called to be imitators of God, filled with God's Spirit – Eph 5:1,18
- When we are in Christ and we have the promise of God, we have the right to speak about something God has promised as if it existed even before our natural senses are conscious of it. It is our faith that gives substance to this confession of things not seen. For example, if we have believed God for a car, we can talk about our car before we see it.
- We should realise that God has already "given us all things that pertain to life and godliness" - 2 Pt 1:3
- and all spiritual blessings - Eph 1:3
- But the effective receiving depends on our faith.
- Faith is confident of the faithfulness of God in His declared promises and talks and acts so, even before the natural eye sees.

#### 5. **Summary**

**When we confess we agree with God's Word which produces faith which releases God to move**