

**The Let Us Church
Hebrews 10:23
The Confessional Church**

- There is a call for the church to be confessional.
- The word for confession is the Greek word *homologian*, which can be translated to speak the same, to say the same thing about, to say it together.
 - The confession of the church has to do with the core beliefs of the followers of Jesus, so when we confess, we are saying out loud together what we believe with our hearts and minds.
- This means that the truths we believe and confess will affect our wills (hearts).
 - This means that the truths we believe and confess will shape our thinking (minds).
- The confession we make is ultimately a confession of hope.
- The call to confession is a call to hold on to truth and don't let go.
- To hold fast means to take possession of, to lay hold of, to arrest.
 - It is the same word that was used in Jesus' explanation of the parable of the sower in Luke's gospel (see Luke 8:9-15), where people hear the word (truth) and hold on tight to it and let it do its work.
 - It is also used in 1 Corinthians 15:1-7, where Paul encourages the Corinthian believers to hold on tight to the truth he delivered to them about the Lord Jesus.
 - Not only are we to hold on to the truth, but we are to be firm in our adherence to it.
- The Greek word is *akline*, which means without wavering, unbending, resolute.
- The reason we can hold on to our hope is because of the One who is holding onto us.
- God, throughout Scripture, makes promises to His people.
 - God, throughout Scripture, keeps His promises.
 - His faithfulness does not just relate to past promises because He is keeping and will continue to keep His promises.
 - Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.