

The Most Essential Confession

Matthew 10:32-33

Introduction: The dictionary defines **CONFESSION** in the following ways:

I. Public confession is _____ - 10:32

32 *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.*

A. A confession before _____ - 10:32a

32 *"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men,*

One author said, "Since God _____ us, there is no excuse for not publicly confessing Him."

- Romans 1:16 - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*
- Romans 10:9-10 - *9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

O beloved, please make sure that you have _____ Jesus Christ before men. Publicly confess Jesus Christ to all those in your sphere of influence.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Confesses Me Before Men

Is there enough evidence to convict you?

“If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough _____ to convict you?”

B. A confession before _____ – 10:32b

him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

The “_____” here is Jesus Christ. The person who confesses Jesus Christ before men will also be confessed by Jesus before His Father in heaven. How good is this to know? Jesus Christ will speak our name before His Father.

Do you want your name acknowledged before God the Father? I do!

II. Public denial is _____ – 10:33

33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Temporary Denial

What about Simon _____?

William Barclay shared three ways in which it is still possible to deny Jesus Christ, and then he provided some commentary as examples. Here are the three ways:

(1) We may deny him with our _____.

Christians are to be Different.

(2) We can deny him by our _____.

Christians must not be Silent.

(3) We can deny him by our _____.

Actions are Required.

Christians are called to an _____ faith, to a _____ faith, to a _____ faith. Our walk must match our _____.

Matthew 10:33 - But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Dr. Tony Evans writes...

“Every man who publicly _____ me I shall acknowledge in the presence of my Father in Heaven, but the man who disowns me before men I shall _____ before my Father in Heaven. (Phillips Translation)

III. Confession or _____ - which will it be? - 10:32-33

32 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

How do these two verses relate to those of us who live in the Twenty-first Century? These are some things you can do today:

1. Tell someone in your _____ family that you are a follower of Jesus Christ.
2. At work tomorrow tell a _____ that you are a Christian, and if they ever want to talk about Christianity you would love to sit down with them.

3. Tell your _____ (Best Friend Forever) that you have received Jesus Christ into your heart and life. Invite them to make the same decision.
4. Take the step to be _____ – publicly declare your faith.
5. Ask your pastor to share your _____ in front of the church. A testimony that doesn't glorify sin but glorifies Him.

The emphasis of Matthew 10:32-33 is upon _____. I don't want to focus on the denial of Jesus or being denied before the Father. No, I want us to focus on the _____ of Jesus Christ before men and being _____ as a follower of Jesus Christ before God the Father.

Conclusion: Go and publicly _____ Jesus Christ before men. Go on record (here on earth) for being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Never hide or be ashamed of your faith in Jesus Christ.

1. *"Therefore"* (10:32) – Considering what we have already read, "about who to fear" – _____ Jesus Christ publicly.
2. Don't put off _____ others that you are a Christ follower. Tell someone today if possible. Tomorrow at the latest.
3. Refuse to _____ Jesus Christ. Use every opportunity to stand up for Jesus Christ. Make your faith count.
4. The cost of denial is too _____. Never go there. Never go there.
5. Desire to _____ your name mentioned before God the Father, by God the Son.
6. Remember that there is an eternal _____ for denying Jesus Christ. Eternal separation from God.
7. But also bear in mind that there is an eternal _____ for confessing Jesus Christ too. Acknowledgment before God that you are a follower of Jesus, His Son.