

Back to the Basics: Confession

33.275 ὁμολογέω^b; ἑξομολογέομαι^b: to acknowledge a fact publicly, often in reference to previous bad behavior—‘to admit, to confess.’

Matthew 3:6

⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

Mark 1:5

⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

John 1:19-20

¹⁹Now this was John’s testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰He did not fail to **confess**, but **confessed** freely, “I am not the Christ.”

Acts 19:18

¹⁸Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds.

1 John 1:8-10

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

⁸If we claim to be without sin . . .

⁹If we **confess** our sins . . .

¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned . . .

James 5:16

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

33.274 ὁμολογέω^a; ὁμολογία, ἀς *f*; ἑξομολογέομαι^a: to express openly one’s allegiance to a proposition or person—‘to profess, to confess, confession.’

Matthew 10:32

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven

John 12:42

⁴² Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not **confess** their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;

Rom 10:9-10

⁹ That if you **confess** with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you **confess** and are saved.

2 Cor 9:13

¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your **confession** of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

Phil 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue **confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Timothy 6:12

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good **confession** in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Timothy 2:19

¹⁹ Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Everyone who **confesses** the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.”

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we **confess**.

Hebrews 13:15

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that **confess** his name.

Confession: To express publicly my allegiance to Jesus Christ