

January 15th – Confessing Jesus or Denying Him

*“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.
But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven”
(Matt. 10:32-33)*

Has anyone ever been ashamed to be associated with you? That’s a very hurtful experience. It usually goes something like this – you make friends with someone and everything appears to be going great. But your new friend has some old friends that may not care for you that much. When it’s just the two of you, your friend treats you great; but when your friend sees the others coming, he/she acts like they don’t know you. He/she refuses to acknowledge you in front of others.

There are some people who treat Jesus that way. They’re fine talking about Jesus and singing about Jesus when they go to worship, but then they have trouble mentioning him to classmates and coworkers throughout the week. Or how about the politician who panders to the church on Sunday but votes like a pagan on Monday. The Apostle Paul said, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ,” but sadly many people who profess to know Jesus often act like they don’t.

Understand this – if you’re not willing to identify with Jesus before men, He will not identify with you before the Father in heaven. Instead of hearing Him say, “Well done good and faithful servant,” you will hear Him say, “Depart from me you worker of lawlessness – I never knew you.” Some portions of Scripture are tough to understand, but this one is not. Either make your stand with Christ before the world or prepare to join the vast majority of the world in hell at the end of time.