## August 10th – Believe & Confess

"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." (Romans 10:9)

I remember teaching each of our six kids the ABCs. It's so vitally important that our kids learn the alphabet, because letters are the building blocks of words, and words are the vehicles of our language. No matter where a child goes, we know they will need their ABCs and 123s. And just as we taught our kids the ABCs of the English language, we also taught them the ABCs of salvation. Do you know what I'm talking about? Let me break it down for you – Admit, Believe, and Confess.

The Scripture is very clear that every human has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). As such, every one of just stands condemned apart from Christ, but through Jesus there is hope of salvation. In order to receive God's greatest gift, we must ADMIT that we have violated God's plan of perfection. We must admit that we are sinners. Upon admitting our guilt to God, Paul said we must BELIEVE – "believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead."

The only way to receive God's grace is through faith in Jesus – believing that He truly is the Son of God and Savior of the world. When a person truly places his faith in Jesus, then he CONFESSES – "with your mouth the Lord Jesus." Paul said that "with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). It's really that simple – if you want to be born again, all you must do is place your faith in Jesus and confess Him alone as Lord of your life.