

I. Expressions of Faith Explained.

A. Expressions Defined

1. The process of making known one's thoughts or feelings.
2. Something that manifest, embodies or symbolizes something else.
3. Express – to reveal in words, gestures, and actions.
4. Manifested by direct and appropriate language.
5. Express can mean to depict something in representation.

B. To express: *Is to declare, proclaim, publish, or communicate.*

C. Faith begins in the heart but must take on expression.

1. Faith must be expressed.
2. Faith must be made known.
3. Faith must be communicated.
4. Faith my take on gestures, actions, and words.
5. Faith without expression is faith without **works!**

II. How Faith is expressed

A. Faith is expressed through words.

1. Declarations of Faith

- a. **Romans 10:9 (KJV)** – *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved*
Romans 10:9 (GWT) – *If you declare that Jesus is Lord, and believe*

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that God brought him back to life, you will be saved.

Declare = to say – pronounce or announce something

To make formally known – To state emphatically

To announce ones decision, support, or intention.

NOTE: Declarations of faith occur when we use our words to affirm our belief in God, His Word, and His promises to us. We make declarations of faith based upon what we believe, anticipate, and expect from Him. Faith isn't active until it is released in a declaration!

- b. **1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)** – *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*
- c. **Roman 10:10 (ESV)** – *For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

NOTE: IF you are truly in faith, your mouth will be declaring your faith. Your faith is being expressed through declaration of faith by words!

2. Words of Praise

- a. **Words of praise glorify God for what He has done!**

Psalm 150:2 (KJV) – *Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.*

Psalm 107:21-22 (NKJV) – *Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.*

1 Chronicles 16:14-25 (NKJV) – ¹⁴*He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. ¹⁵Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, ¹⁶the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, ¹⁷and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel for an everlasting covenant, ¹⁸saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance," ¹⁹when you were few in number, indeed very few, and strangers in it. ²⁰When they went from one nation to another, and from one kingdom to another people, ²¹He permitted no man to do them wrong; yes, He*

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rebuked kings for their sakes, ²²saying, “Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm.” ²³Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ²⁴Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. ²⁵For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;

b. Faith is expressed by words of praise for what God will do, is doing and is going to do.

- Praise becomes an expression of our faith when we fill our mouth with praise for the things we are believing for.

Romans 4:20 (NKJV) – He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.

- Expressions of praise release strength for our battles.
- Expressions of praise release patience for the wait.

Jeremiah 17:14 (NKJV) – Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You are my praise.

3. Words of Worship

Praise honors God for what He has done and will do.

Worship honors God for who He is.

Psalms 95:1-7 (NKJV) – ¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. ⁴In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. ⁵The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ⁷For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice.

- Expressions of worship are words declaring “Who and What God is”.
- He is God!
- He is shepherd!
- He is savior!

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- *He is healer!*
- *He is deliverer!*
- *He is strength!*

Psalm 18:1-3 (NKJV) – ¹*I will love You, O LORD, my strength.* ²*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.* ³*I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.*

4. Dominion Words

a. Faith must be expressed through words of dominion over our circumstances.

Jesus gave us the following examples:

- *Speaking to mountains*
- *Speaking to the sycamine tree*
- *Speaking to storms*
- *Speaking to demons*
- *Rebuking a fever – (Peter’s Mother-in-law).*
- *He used words of dominion when answering the devil during temptation.*

b. **Matthew 18:18-19 (NKJV)** – ¹⁸*Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.* ¹⁹*Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.*

c. Take note of the use of words in scripture.

Words express our faith in who we are in Christ!

What we have in Christ!

What we can do in Christ.