

I. OPENING SCRIPTURES AND DEFINITIONS

A. Personal Declaration of Faith for Salvation

1. An individual's statement of belief, often describing their trust in God and commitment to live according to their faith.
 - a. *"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died for my sins and rose again. I trust Him as my Lord and Savior and commit to following Him."*
 - b. Many churches require a personal verbal declaration of faith prior to or at baptism.

2. Scriptures:

a. **Romans 10:9-10**

NKJV "...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. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

NIV "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

b. **Hebrews 10:23**

NKJV "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised);..."

AMP "Let us seize *and* hold tightly the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is reliable *and* trustworthy *and* faithful [to His word];..."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *If the Bible declares that we must "HOLD FIRMLY" to our profession of faith, then the profession must be significant and necessary! The fact that we must HOLD to it indicates that there will be temptation to alter or release it.*

3. The declaration of faith isn't just how we receive salvation. It is the means by which faith operates. The same believing heart and speaking mouth that brought us into Christ continue to release faith for every promise of God.

B. Faith and the Words of Our Mouth

1. Exodus 4:11-12

NKJV “So the Lord said to him, ‘Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, **and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.**’”

CEV “Now go! **When you speak**, I will be with you and **give you the words to say.**”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Authority is released through words. God had words to say to Pharaoh that would release Israel from four hundred years of slavery, but He needed a man’s voice. God didn’t just send Moses to tell Pharaoh to let my people go, He **put HIS WORDS** in Moses’ mouth—it was just as if God was speaking directly to Pharaoh.*

2. A declaration of faith is more than simply saying something. It is taking God's Word into your mouth so that you become His voice in the earth, speaking His truth and authority against the enemy.

- a. You are giving voice to what God has already spoken!

3. The Psalms

a. Psalm 18:1-3

NKJV “I will love You, O Lord, my strength. 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. I will call upon the Lord, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.”

b. Psalm 91:1-2

NKJV “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘*He is* my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.’”

NLT “This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.”

CSB “I will say concerning the LORD, who is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust:...”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *This entire covenant Psalm is a declaration of faith. It proclaims not only what God has done, but it also reveals who He is and confidently declares what He will yet do for those who trust in His covenant.*

C. There Are Things That Must Be Spoken for Victory to Manifest!

1. Hebrews 13:5-6

NKJV “Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ **So we may boldly say:** ‘The Lord *is* my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’

AMPC “So we take comfort *and* are encouraged *and* confidently *and* boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?”

a. Manifestations only proceed from words of faith.

2. Mark 11:22-23

NKJV “So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, “Be removed and be cast into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.’”

a. It isn’t just speaking that moves mountains.

b. It is speaking from the voice of faith! He believes that those things he says will be done.

c. When we confess scriptures—or other declarations of faith—it isn’t enough just to say the words. We must speak words and scriptures from a place of faith!

3. Psalm 23:1-6

NKJV “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk

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through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”

- a. Psalm 23 isn’t just an informative passage revealing God as a shepherd. It is a declaration of the psalmist’s faith!
- b. You can read this psalm for information.
- c. You can read this psalm as a declaration of faith.
- d. Although the words are the same, it reads differently from each place.

4. Romans 8:31-39

NKJV “What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- a. A confession of faith from **Romans 8:31–39**:

Father, I boldly declare Your Word over my life today.

If You are for me, who can be against me? No enemy, no circumstance, no sickness, no lack, and no weapon formed against me can prevail because You are on my side.

You did not spare Your own Son but freely gave Him up for me. Therefore, I know that with Him You have also freely given me all things that pertain to life and godliness. I receive every provision of my covenant through Jesus Christ.

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I declare that no one can successfully bring a charge against me because You are the One who has justified me. I stand righteous before You—not because of my own works, but because of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

No one can condemn me. Christ died for me, was raised for me, and is seated at Your right-hand making intercession for me. I live free from guilt, shame, fear, and condemnation.

Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ. Tribulation cannot separate me. Distress cannot separate me. Persecution cannot separate me. Famine cannot separate me. Lack cannot separate me. Danger cannot separate me. Even the threat of death cannot separate me from Your unfailing love.

Though I may face opposition, I will not fear. My confidence is not in my circumstances but in Your covenant promises. I know that I belong to You.

In all these things I am more than a conqueror through Him who loved me. I do not merely survive—I overcome. I do not merely endure—I triumph. I walk in victory because Jesus has already won the battle.

I am persuaded and fully convinced that neither death nor life, angels nor principalities nor powers, things present nor things to come, height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall ever be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus my Lord.

5. Paul's declarations of faith:

Philippians 1:19-26

NKJV "For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is far better*. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is more needful for you*. **And being**

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confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.”