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### CONFESSING CHRIST

Every person who comes face to face with Christ has to do one of two things. You must either confess Christ or you must deny Christ, there is no middle ground. You cannot say "I do not confess him, but, then on the other hand, I do not deny him". Not to confess Christ when you know you should, is to deny Christ. The Scripture makes this clear in Matthew 12:30 "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad". (KJV) Oh, what a privilege it is to confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour.

Let me share with you five ways that we should confess openly:

- (1) Every Christian should begin the Christian life by open confession of Christ before other people. The Bible tells us this is what we must do Romans 10:9-10 "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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation". (KJV) Just walking down the aisle does not impart salvation. Without the inward working of the Holy Spirit, an outward profession is empty and meaningless. But a person who is saved will want to openly confess Christ.
- (2) Every Christian should constantly confess Christ before others by word of mouth. We are not ashamed of Him. Romans 1:16 says "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jews first, and also to the Greek". (KJV).
- (3) Every Christian should confess Christ by baptism. The first act of obedience after being saved is to follow the LORD in believers baptism. The Scripture clearly teaches after those Christians first believed, they then confessed their identification with Christ, their faith in Christ, and their recognition of his Lordship in their lives by being baptized. The Lord Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". (KJV) It is true that baptism does not save you, but once you are saved, you will want to obey Christ by confessing him in baptism.
- (4) Every Christian should confess Christ before others by a godly life. Our life and our lips are to say the same thing. We are to make Christ known by what we are and by what we do, as well as what we say. Matthew 5:16 says "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven". (KJV)
- (5) Every Christian should confess Christ before others by association with God's people in worship and service. Hebrews 10:25 says "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (KJV) When we go to church on Sunday, it is a confession to the world!

I heard about a great doctor years ago who successfully performed an operation on a patient who had been considered incurable. The patient afterwards said to the doctor, "as long as there is a tongue in my head, people shall hear of you and what you have done for me!" Oh, how much more should you and I say—Dear Lord Jesus, because you saved me by your grace, I am going to tell (confess) everybody what you have done for me!

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*As you read this newsletter this month, I am preaching a revival at the Southern Calvert Baptist Church in Lusby, Maryland. I was to be off this week, but Bro. Sam Cathey was unable to preach the meeting he had scheduled. So, he asked that I go in his place. Pray for Brother Sam and pray for the revival this week. God continues to bless with many souls being saved week after week. Your prayers, your friendship, and your support make it possible to go preach wherever God opens doors!!*

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### PREACHING SCHEDULE

#### May

May 3-6	First Baptist Church	Trenton, TN
May 10-15	Raft Swamp Baptist Church	Lumberton, NC
May 13	West Jackson Baptist Church	Jackson, TN
May 17-20	Southern Calvert Baptist	Lusby, MD
May 24	First Baptist Church	Milan, TN
May 31	Mt. Pelia	Martin, TN

#### June

June 14	West Jackson Baptist Church	Jackson, TN
June 21	North Pointe Baptist Church	Donelson, TN
June 22-24	Southern Baptist Convention	Louisville, KY

#### July

July 5	North Pointe Community Church	Donelson, TN
July 12	Springfield Baptist Church	Springfield, TN
July 19	First Baptist Church	Shelbyville, TN
July 26	Connection Fellowship A.M.	Greenville, SC
	Faith Fellowship Baptist P.M.	Pendleton, SC

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