

“Confessing Christ”

Rom. 10:9-10

Introduction

- I. From the beginning, God has had a plan of salvation (Gen. 3:15; Eph. 3:10-11).
- II. God has done His part to make sure that man has the opportunity to be saved (John 3:16; 19:30; 1 John 3:16).
- III. Man has obligations that he must meet (Heb. 5:9; Rom. 12:1-2).
 1. Part of those obligations is confessing.
 2. One might ask confess what?
 3. We will see that the alien sinner needs to confess his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.

Discussion

- I. The Ethiopian eunuch
 - A. When Philip preached unto him Jesus, the eunuch wanted to know what he needed to do to be baptized (Acts 8:36).
 - B. He was told that he needed to believe (Acts 8:37).
 1. Believe what?
 2. The eunuch's response/confession identifies such as “...I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (Acts 8:37).
 - C. His example shows that confessing Christ follows belief and precedes baptism.
- II. God confessed truth of Jesus' Deity (Matt. 3:17).
- III. Jesus explained the need to confess Him before men (Matt. 10:32-33).
 - A. When speaking to His disciples, Jesus taught the need for individual faith in Jesus as the Christ (Matt. 16:13-16).
 - B. Our confession/acknowledgment is necessary regardless of the opinions of others.
- IV. John explained that confession is essential to God dwelling in man and vice versa (1 John 4:15).
- V. Paul emphasized the need for verbal confession of Christ (Rom. 10:9-10).
 - A. Confession is to be made with the mouth.
 - B. It is not all that is necessary for salvation, but “...confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10).
- VI. Timothy made “...a good profession before many witnesses” (1 Tim. 6:12).
 - A. This affirmation was acknowledgment of his faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.
 - B. This can further be seen by noticing the following verse (1 Tim. 6:13).
 1. What did Jesus acknowledge to be true?
 2. The fact that Jesus is “...King of the Jews...” (Matt. 27:11).
 3. This was verification of Jesus being the Son of God (Matt. 27:40-43).
- VII. Confessing our faith in Christ can cause us to be shunned and mistreated (John 9:22).
 - A. Even though hardship may come, our confession should remain strong.
 - B. Let us remember the penalty for denying the Lord is far greater than anything we will receive on Earth (Matt. 10:32-33).

Conclusion

- I. Let us obey God's plan of salvation.
- II. That includes confessing our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.