

WHY PUBLIC CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH IS IMPORTANT

We often equate salvation with only one aspect of our deliverance. When we read Scripture and the word salvation, it refers to much more than just receiving eternal life. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved" is not talking specifically about receiving eternal life or regeneration or being born again.

Romans 10:13 is describing born again believers, lovers of God, who naturally call upon Jesus and by doing so are being delivered from sin daily.

Likewise Romans 10:9-10 refers to the necessity of confessing with the mouth the Lord Jesus so that we can be delivered from sin now in the present.

"If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (delivered from sin now in the present tense). For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified (the past tense of salvation), and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (delivered from sin now).

Romans 10:14-15 gives the order of salvation events in reverse order. You call on Him after you believe in Him. You believe after you hear about Him. You hear when someone tells you about Jesus. Someone is sent to tell you about Jesus.

You confess Jesus as Lord after you believe and after you receive regeneration.

You call upon the Lord as a daily activity after you believe and receive new birth (regeneration).

First you believe. Second you receive. What do you receive? New birth, Holy Spirit indwelling, eternal life, and promises of deliverance from sin.

Romans 8:28 We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, and who have been called according to His purpose.

Those who love Him are those who believe in Jesus, have received eternal life, and have been called to His purpose. First you believe, second you receive, and third you are elected and called to a purpose.

Ephesians 1:4 For He chose us (in Him, those who are in Jesus by believing and receiving) before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Those “in Christ” are chosen for a purpose. God only chooses those who are “in Jesus” to a purpose.

Born again believers in Jesus confess Jesus with our mouth in order to experience deliverance from sin now in the present time. Confession with the mouth helps us solidify our commitment to following the commandments of Jesus. We were saved by believing in Jesus for eternal life, and we are being saved by living the set apart life of following Jesus.

Confession with the mouth reinforces spiritual truths and fruits of the Spirit. Confession with the mouth helps commit spiritual truths to memory and helps produce boldness to act on these truths.

Singing hymns and spiritual songs is the most common way we confess Jesus with our mouth.

Apostle Paul reminds that “with the heart man believes unto righteousness.” This is the first step of salvation. Paul describes the present experiential stage of salvation “with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:9,10

Salvation involves a past tense, present tense, and a future tense.

Past tense: Hear the Gospel, believe the Gospel, receive new birth, Holy Spirit indwelling, eternal life, and spiritual connection with God and other believers.

Present tense: Progressive experiential deliverance from spiritual ignorance and false religion, sinful self-indulgence and its consequences.

Future tense: Deliverance at physical death from the sin nature and further deliverance at resurrection including adoption and inheritance.

Salvation is a great and broad experience of events throughout time and space for the believer.