



## QA: Why “Confess” Christ? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

### QUESTION: “Why do we have to ‘confess Christ’?”

**ANSWER: No one has spoken like He did.**

#### 1. **He spoke boldly.** “We have found the Messiah” (**John 1:41**)

Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?”

The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” (**John 7:45- 46**)

Whether Jesus preached that great Sermon on the mount, or in Capernaum's synagogue, “the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (**Matthew 7:28-29**; **Mark 1:22**). There is a difference between preaching what one knows about the Scriptures, and preaching as an author of the Scriptures. Jesus said,

“The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.” (**John 14:10**)

No church or preacher today has been given that same boldness to change or privately interpret the Word of God.

But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? (**John 7:26**)

#### 2. **“Faith Only” Doesn’t Confess Christ.**

Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. (**John 12:42-43**)

Many rulers among the Jews “believed in” Jesus as the Christ, but “did not confess Him,” though Jesus made it clear about confession.

“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.” (**Luke 12:8-9**)

***Faith only, without confession, receives "the praise of men," but not the "praise of God."*** It's pitiful to see people whose faith does not obey.

3. **Confess The Need Of A Savior, Not Already Saved.**

Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

**(Acts 8:36-38)**

Since baptism is "for the remission of sins" (**Acts 2:38**), then claiming to already be forgiven before baptism leaves the sinner in sin! If not, why not?

— jtp11, November 19, 2023