

Escape From Babylon

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The Series Part 21

You Must Share The Gospel To Be Saved!

~Defeat The Sin Of Omission~

“Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter!”

~ Charles Spurgeon ~

Accepting Jesus and making a confession of faith is the starting line- not the finish line. The “finish line tall tale”, told by the silver-tongue devil, is meant to disarm the Christian. Much like being hired onto a company, the job has just begun. Salvation is a free gift from God; you don’t deserve it to have your application be accepted. You had no qualifications to be a part of the family of God. Yet, be prepared for on the job training. He is not finished with you yet as you have an enduring calling upon your life. The confession of Jesus is a lifelong Confession: confessed once to accept salvation, perpetually confessed to help others do the same. Failure on either part is a failure upon your calling and will put your salvation in deep jeopardy.

Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men. (14) You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can’t be hidden. (15) Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house. (16) Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

What good is your light if it does not shine? What good is your salt if it doesn’t season?

Talk about Him, share Him, His Name needs to be on your lips! I will set forth in this study to prove that you cannot receive salvation without an open and constant confession of your Lord and Savior.

➤ **For starters:**

1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and **always be ready** to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear:”

2 Timothy 4:1-2 “I command you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his Kingdom: (2) **preach the word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching.**”

Confession?

Let us begin by seeing what the Bible has to say about making a confession of faith and belief in Jesus.

➤ Confess Openly

Romans 10:9 “that if you will **confess with your mouth** that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

➤ Maintain Your Confession

Hebrews 4:14 “Having then a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let’s **hold tightly to our confession.**”

Hebrews 10:21-23 “And having a great priest over God’s house, (22) let’s draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with pure water, (23) let’s **hold fast the confession** of our hope without wavering; for he who promised is faithful.”

➤ Obey Your Confession Daily

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 “Because the service of this ministry is not only providing for the needs of the saints but is also overflowing with many thanks to God. (13) Through the evidence of this service they will glorify God because of **your obedience to your confession** in the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your sharing with them and with everyone.”

Denial?

The premise of this study is: can you be saved without sharing the gospel? Focusing on the confession of your faith? So, how do we come to a conclusion on this matter? I submit that we first take a look at the other extreme: Denial!

We read in Matthew

Matthew 10:32-33 “Everyone therefore who **confesses me before men**, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. (33) But **whoever denies me before men**, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Again, we read in 2 Timothy

2 Timothy 2:10-12 “Therefore I endure all things for the chosen ones’ sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. (11) This saying is trustworthy: “For if we died with him, we will also live with him. (12) If we endure, we will also reign with him. **If we deny him, he also will deny us.**”

This is obviously not a “onetime denial and you’re done”, as we see in the case of Peter’s denial.

[Mark 14:29-30](#) Jesus says “But Peter said to him, “Although all will be offended, yet I will not.” (30) Jesus said to him, “Most certainly I tell you, that you today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Then Peter does the deed...

[Mark 14:67-72](#) “And seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!” (68) But **he denied** it, saying, “I neither know, nor understand what you are saying.” He went out on the porch, and the rooster crowed. (69) The maid saw him, and began again to tell those who stood by, “This is one of them.” (70) But **he again denied** it. After a little while again those who stood by said to Peter, “You truly are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” (71) **But he began to curse, and to swear, “I don’t know this man of whom you speak!”** (72) The rooster crowed the second time. Peter remembered the word, how that Jesus said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” When he thought about that, he wept.”

So, if this was a “one and done” denial, then Peter would be lost forever.

Yet, here we find Jesus restoring Peter:

[John 21:15-17](#) “Then when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you **love (G25 agapaō)** me more than these do?” He replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I dearly **love (G5368 phileō)** you.” Jesus told him, “Feed my **lambs.**” (16) Jesus said a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you **love (G25 agapaō)** me?” He replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I dearly **love (G5368 phileō)** you.” Jesus told him, “Shepherd my **sheep.**” (17) Jesus said a third time, “Simon, son of John, do you **love (G5368 phileō)** me?” Peter was distressed that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” and said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I **love (G5368 phileō)** you.” Jesus replied, “Feed my **sheep.**”

❖ **G25 - ἀγαπάω - agapaō**

Perhaps from ἄγαν agan (much; or compare [H5689]); to love (in a social or moral sense): - (be-) love (-ed). Compare G5368.

❖ **G5368 – φιλέω - phileō**

From G5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), that is, have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; while G25 is wider, embracing especially the judgment and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety:

***Please do note that Jesus says that in order for Peter to love Him as he says he does, he must feed the sheep.**

Then Jesus, who told Peter to feed the sheep, makes Peter a sheep of the fold of faith once more by telling him to follow the true shepherd.

John 21:19 “(Now Jesus said this to indicate clearly by what kind of death Peter was going to glorify God.) After he said this, Jesus told Peter, **“Follow me.”**

So, with this example of a denial of Jesus not being a “one and done”, then in this pattern we can also now assume that it is not just a “one and done” confession of Jesus that saves the soul.

Peter went on to make perpetual confessions before all men as commanded by Jesus to feed His sheep. Peter is making this confession of love for God and man.

Acts 2:14-16 “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spoke out to them, “You men of Judea, and all you who dwell at Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words. (15) For these aren’t drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is only the third hour of the day. (16) But this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel:”

Acts 2:38-39 “Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far off, even as many as the Lord our God will call to himself.”

Church History Holds The Following Story

I do not know if it is true or made up, but it was held as an accurate account at the time of its telling. Either way, we can still glean words of encouragement from it: even if by principal alone. The early Christian writer **Hegesippus** provides the following account:

We read in “Foxe’s Book of Martyrs” that Peter, while he was in Rome fleeing persecution by the urging of the disciples, went to flee the city and at the gates he saw Jesus walking towards him. And Peter asked Him “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus responded, “I have come to be crucified again”. With this, Peter knew he had to go back, and was crucified upside down at his own request- as he did not find himself worthy to be crucified in the same manner as his lord.

With this knowledge, all the disciples made a perpetual confession until death. We all must make this confession. Not just once, but daily.

Peter left us this encouragement:

1 Peter 3:14-15 “But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you are blessed. “Don’t fear what they fear, neither be troubled.” (15) But sanctify the Lord God in your

hearts; and always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear.”

The Direct Command By Jesus To ALL Believers

Matthew 28:16-20 “But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had sent them. (17) When they saw him, they bowed down to him, but some doubted. (18) Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. (19) **Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you.** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

This is a direct command from Jesus- to not obey; it is to fall into sin and rebellion. Without repentance, then you have no hope of salvation. You cannot repent of this sin without sharing the gospel!

➤ **Let’s connect it to the Bible Study: “The Heart of God.”**

James 5:19-20 “Brothers, if any among you wanders from the truth and someone turns him back, (20) **let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death** and will cover a multitude of sins.”

We can’t ignore people’s salvation statues and say we love them. To ignore a person’s salvation is to hate that individual.

Romans 10:13-15 “For, “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (14) How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in him whom they have not heard? **How will they hear without a preacher?** (15) And how will they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”

Make The Connection

**Let’s connect it back first to the Bible Study:
“The Great Shaking & Purification Of The Bride.”**

Acts 14:21-22 “When they had preached the Good News to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, (22) strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **through many afflictions we must enter into God’s Kingdom.**”

Daniel 12:9-10 “He said, “Go your way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed until **the time of the end.** (10) **Many will purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined;** but the wicked will do wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand; but those who are wise will understand.”

It Is Through The Service Of “Sharing the Gospel of God” That The Body Of Christ Will Be Purified And Made White.

Daniel 11:32-35 “He will corrupt those who do wickedly against the covenant by flatteries; but the **people who know their God will be strong, and take action.** (33) **“Those who are wise among the people will instruct many; yet they will fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, many days.** (34) Now when they fall, they will be helped with a little help; but many will join themselves to them with flatteries. (35) **Some of those who are wise will fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because it is yet for the time appointed.”**

Malachi 3:16-18 “On that day I will make them my special possession. I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. Then you will again see the difference **between righteous people** and wicked people, **between the one who serves God** and the one who doesn't serve him.”

Daniel 12:1-3 “...But at that time your people, everyone written in the book, will be rescued. Many sleeping in the ground will wake up. Some will wake up to live forever,... Those who are wise will shine like the brightness on the horizon. **Those who lead many people to righteousness** will shine like the stars forever and ever.” Daniel 12:1-3

➤ **The need to “share salvation to receive salvation”.**

Romans 10:9-11 - CEV "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others. The Scriptures say that no one who has faith will be disappointed,”

The King James version says “confession made unto salvation”.

Romans 10:10 - KJV For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The question is this: “Is it a onetime confession or a perpetual confession?” If it is a perpetual confession, then the CEV version is made clear and correct. Also, is this just a personal confession, or a corporate confession to others?

1 John 4:12-15 “No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love has been perfected in us. (13) By this we know that we remain in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (14) **We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world.** (15) **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in God.”**

The Holy Spirit Is Here To Testify About Jesus

John 15:26-27 “When the Counselor has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, **he will testify about me.** (27) **You will also testify,** because you have been with me from the beginning.”

➤ **We Are The Temple of The Holy Spirit**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 “Or don’t you know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, (20) for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

If the Spirit has been sent to testify of Jesus and you are that temple, filled with that very same spirit, how then can you as a believer act like a deaf mute and not testify to the world?

Declare The Sacred Truth Of Jesus Before All

1 Timothy 6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and **you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses.**”

More Than Just A Confession

Matthew 21:28-31 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ (29) He answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind, and went. (30) He came to the second, and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I’m going, sir,’ but he didn’t go. (31) Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Most certainly I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering into God’s Kingdom before you.”

It is not just a confession, it is a lifestyle.

Titus 1:15-16 “To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. (16) **They profess that they know God**, but by their deeds they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work.”

Isaiah 29:13-16 “The Lord said, “**Because this people draws near with their mouth and honors me with their lips, but they have removed their heart far from me**, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught; (14) therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their prudent men will be hidden.” (15) Woe to those who deeply hide their counsel from Yahweh, and whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us?” and “Who knows us?” (16) You turn things upside down! Should the potter be thought to be like clay; that the thing made should say about him who made it, “He didn’t make me;” or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding?”

Matthew 15:7-9 Jesus Says “Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, (8) **"This people draws near to Me with their mouth, and honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.** (9) **But in vain they worship Me**, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

Ezekiel 33:31-32 “They come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but don’t do them; **for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their gain.** (32) Behold, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they don’t do them.”

2 Timothy 3:1-5 “But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come. (2) For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, (3) without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, not lovers of good, (4) traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; (5) **holding a form of godliness, but having denied its power.** Turn away from these, also.”

There are many ways to share the Gospel, and we all have different offices, styles, and opportunities within the Body of Christ. Yet, we all must actively be a part of the spreading of the Gospel in whatever way Jesus has called us to. Then we must always be about our own personal mission work to friends, families, and those we know. If we ever have friends, family, and business associates that go days or months without knowing we are Christians and faithful followers of Jesus, then we have failed. Our light has become dim and our salt has lost its seasoning. Our first and foremost responsibility, with no exception, is to share the love of God and reach a dying world with His grace. We have failed if we ever let anything at all, with no exceptions; get in the way of this most sacred work.

Let Us All Repent Of The Silent Sin Of Omission.

Revelation 22:12-14 “Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, **to repay to each man according to his work.** (13) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (14) Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city.”