

Acts 8:35-37;

Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. (36)-And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (37)-And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

1-The origin of the confession:

1-When Jesus Christ began to preach men formed various opinions of Him .

2-Some said:

- 1-He was a prophet.
- 2-Others called him an imposter.
- 3-A few believed him to be the Messiah.

2-The conversation at Caesarea Philippi;

Matthew 16:13-20;

1-Who do men say that I the son of man am?

1-Some say that thou art John the Baptist.

1-John had been dead several months.

2-John was put to death by Herod Antipas.

3-Of Christ Herod said, Matt. 14:2;

This is John the Baptist: he is risen from the dead; and therefore might workd do shew forth themselves in him.

2-Some say thou art Elijah.

1-Elijah lived in the days of King Ahab.

2-Elijah rebuked the king and queen for their sins.

3-A little over 900 years had slipped rapidly away since Elijah was translated and went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 2-Kings 2:11

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3-Some say thou art Jeremiah:

1-Jeremiah was the prophet of God who lived in the last days of the kingdom of Judah before it was carried away into Babylonian captivity. Jer.1:1-3.

2-Jeremiah wept over Israel and had pleaded for Jehovah and some saw in Jesus a similar work to that of Jeremiah, hence they ascribed to him the works of this great prophet rather than acknowledge him as the Son of God.

3-The significance of the confession:

1-It a brief statement of the system of Christianity-It is all embracing.

2-For;

It is the only thing that a man needs to believe to be saved.

3-You are not called upon:

1-To confess faith in Calvinism, Lutheranism; Universalism; Armenianism, or any other Ism old or of 20th century origin, But faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of the living God;

4-For;

1-Christ is the center of Christianity, as the sun is the center of the solar system.

4-The scope of the Confession: Ultimate aim.

1-Thou art the Christ:

2-The term;

Christ means the anointed one--

Three classes of rulers were anointed in olden times:

3-Those anointed were:

1-Prophets, Priests, and Kings.

4-When we confess that Jesus is the Christ:

1-We make him our Prophet, Priest and King.

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1-As a Prophet-He teaches us.

2-As our Priest-He intercedes for us.

3-As our King-He rules over us.

1-He is the one to whom all authority has been given in heaven and upon earth.

5-How the confession was made:

1-It is not made with a nod of the head.

2-It is not made by visiting the sick nor by feeding the poor.

3-It is made:

1-With the mouth-Romans 10:8-10;

The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart that is, the word of faith which we preach; (9)-That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (9)-For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

4-Examples;

1-Peter made the confession with his mouth.

2-The eunuch made the confession with his mouth. Matt. 16:15; Acts 8:37.

6-Finally;

1-Jesus will confess those who confess him before men-Matthew 10:32;

Whosoever therefore will confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

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