

Romans 10:8–13



The confession of faith of all believers in Christ

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we preach),

⁹ for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹ For the scripture says, “No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.”

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon Him.

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



The Bible says that if you believe in your heart and confess or profess belief in Jesus with your mouth, you shall be saved.

But does that mean that all we have to do is confess our belief in Him once and then we will be eternally saved?

The Greek word used for confess (homologeitai) indicates a continued belief, not a one time confession.(c.f. 10:23-26; 2 Timothy 2:12).

In Hebrews 4:14 we read,

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

Again in Matthew 10:22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Scripture clearly tells us on many occasions that believing in Jesus at one point in our lives does not assure salvation.

Our obedience to Christ leads us to salvation just as much as our faith in Christ does.

The concept of “once saved always saved” isn’t logical.

If you believe in that concept then you should be able to murder, rob banks, have illicit love affairs and still be assured of a heavenly salvation but wouldn’t you be breaking a number of God’s laws?

Mt. 6:14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you;

15 but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Clearly salvation is not assured.

We must continue to live in both belief and perform the good works that naturally follows as a result of that faith (Mt. 10:22-33; Lk. 9:23; Acts 13:43; Col 1:22-23; 2 Tim 2:12; Rev 2:10).

The Bible is clear that believing in Christ is done not only by words, but also by deeds.

- James 2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

When we violate one of the Ten Commandments we deny the Father.

When we violate one of the Beatitudes we deny Jesus.

Jesus tells us that just because you “believe,”

And say “Lord, Lord,” does not assure you a place in heaven.

Those entering heaven have done “the will of my Father,” (Mt. 7:21)

