

“THE GOOD CONFESSION”

I. TIMOTHY “CONFESED THE GOOD CONFESSION”

A. **1st Timothy 6:12-13**

Related to the “*good fight of faith*” and leading to eternal life, Timothy “*confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses*”.

B. **John 12:42-43**

Failure to so confess Christ demonstrates greater appreciation for men than for God.

C. **Matthew 10:32-33**

Confession of Christ must be publicly declared, that is: in the presence of witnesses, in order to be valid. To do otherwise is to deny Him.

II. GOD “CONFESED THE GOOD CONFESSION”

A. **Matthew 3:13-17**

Of Jesus, the heavenly voice proclaimed, “*this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*”.

1. **Colossians 1:19**

Jesus is pleasing to God because “*all the fullness*” dwells in Him.

2. **Colossians 2:9**

The fullness of which the scripture speaks is the very fullness of deity, the divine nature, the essence of God.

B. **Matthew 17:1-5**

Once again, the heavenly voice proclaimed, “*this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*”, this time adding “*Hear Him!*”

1. **Hebrews 1:1-2**

We must “*Hear Him!*” because God now speaks to us through Him.

2. **2nd Peter 1:16-19**

This confession by God convinced Peter that prophecies were fulfilled in Christ, giving light to all who heed.

III. CHRIST “CONFESSED THE GOOD CONFSSION”

A. **Matthew 27:11**

As Paul told Timothy, “*Christ Jesus witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate*”. In this confession, He confirmed that He is the King.

B. **Matthew 26:63-67**

The previous night, He confessed to those in the Jewish council that He is “*the Christ, the Son of God*”. It was this confession that led Him to the cross.

IV. ANGELS “CONFESSED THE GOOD CONFSSION”

A. **Luke 2:9-14**

Jesus’ arrival into the world was unlike any other in that angels proclaimed Him to be Savior, Christ, and Lord.

B. **Hebrews 1:1-14**

As their confession of Him would suggest, Christ is, indeed, greater than the angels.

V. DEMONS “CONFESSED THE GOOD CONFSSION”

A. **Mark 1:21-26; 5:1-13**

On multiple occasions, demons acknowledged Jesus to be “*the Holy One of God*” and the “*Son of the Most High God*”.

B. **James 2:14-19**

The fact that demons believe and confess Christ, even trembling before God, proves that simple faith is insufficient to please Him. Works are necessary, too!

VI. ALL WILL CONFESS THE GOOD CONFSSION

A. **Philippians 2:9-11**

Eventually all will confess Jesus, but there will be little choice in the matter. When all fall to their knees, confessing His name, it will be too late to affect salvation by it.

B. **Matthew 25:10-13**

There will come a time when Christ will refuse to answer those who call Him "Lord".