

Confessing Faith in Christ

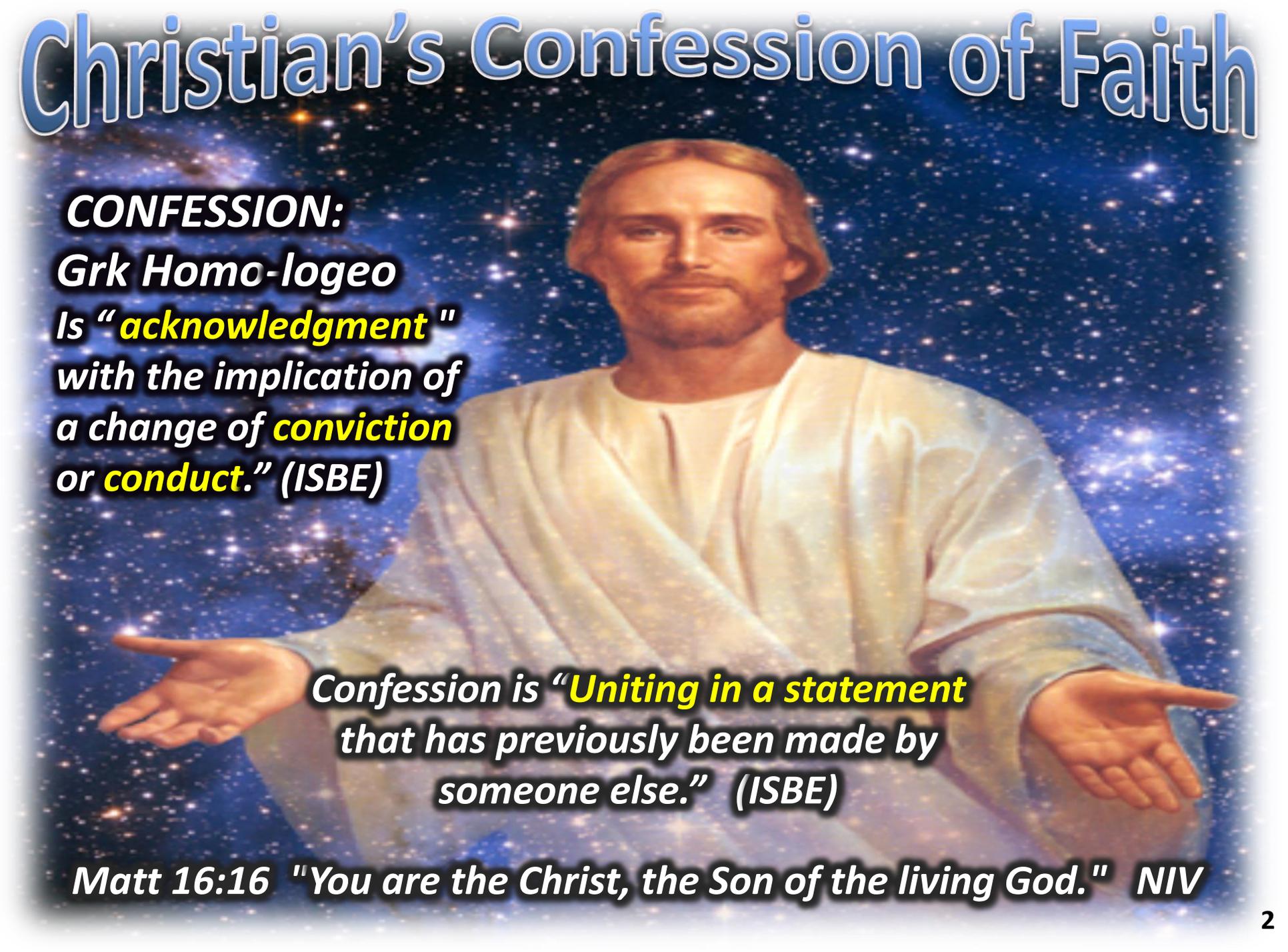
Faith is Essential (John 8:24)

Repentance is Essential (Acts 3:19)

Baptism is Essential (1 Pet 3:21)

Is **Confession** Essential? (Rom 10:10)

Christian's Confession of Faith



CONFESSION:

Grk Homo-logeo

Is "**acknowledgment**"
with the implication of
a change of **conviction**
or **conduct.**" (ISBE)

Confession is "**Uniting in a statement**
that has previously been made by
someone else." (ISBE)

Matt 16:16 "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." NIV

Confession Time !



***YOU HAVE
BEEN
INTO THE
CHOCOLATE !***

***No.
WHY?***

It is NOT a Confession of Sin

*(Lev 16:21) High Priest would pronounce over the scapegoat... **the national sins of Israel***

*(Neh 9:2) And the descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and **confessed their sins** and the iniquities of their fathers.*

*(Matt 3:6) They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, **as they confessed their sins.***

*James 5:16
Therefore, **confess your sins** to one another, and pray for one another...*

*1 John 1:9 If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins..*

IT IS A CONFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST

Rom 10:9a
If you confess
with your
mouth
Jesus
as Lord,

Rom 10:9b *“And
believe in your heart
that God raised Him
from the dead,
you shall be saved.”*



“Confession or profession is so made as to obtain salvation.”

Barnes

IT IS A PUBLIC CONFESSION OF FAITH



1 Tim 6:12
Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, & *you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

(Jewish NT Commentary) “I know a number of Jewish people—some are Orthodox Jews, some *Hasidim*—who agree mentally that Jesus must be the Messiah *but have gone for years without telling family, friends & colleagues. They are leading double lives. (Rom 10:9) (Compare John 12:42 Many of the rulers believed but)*

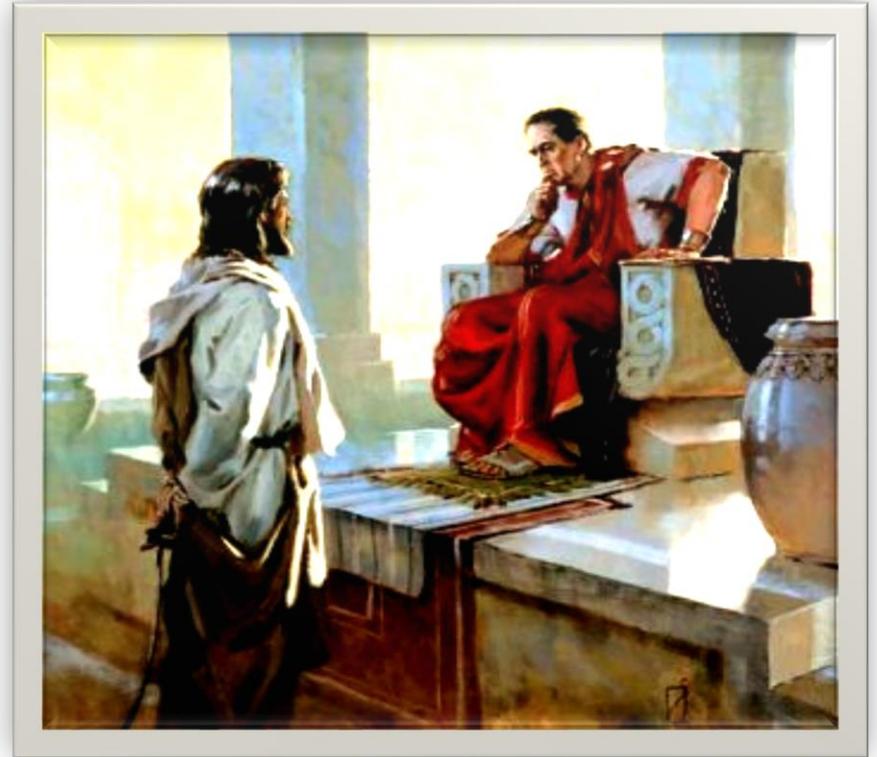
Luke 12:8 “I say to you, everyone who *confesses Me before men*, the Son of Man shall confess him also before the angels of God.”

Of What Does this Confession Consist?

1 Tim 6:13 “I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate..to keep the commandment w/o stain...

John 18:36 My kingdom is not of this world... Pilate said “So then are you a king?”

John 18:37 “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this cause I have come into the world.”



One is confessing the Lordship of Jesus Christ and His rule in their lives. (1 Pet 3:15)
Sanctify Christ.. as LORD.

Confession says “I will live the Life of Christ!”

Heb 10:22 “Let us draw near”
(To approach as in worship) UBS

a) “With a Sincere heart in full assurance of faith.”
(Genuine, not hypocritical)

b) “Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.”
(Troubled mind & guilt of sin)

c) “And our bodies washed with pure water.” (Baptized
1 Pet 3:21; Titus 3:5)



Confession of Christ Involves Everything

Barnes: “His profession is to be made in all the proper ways of *religious duty*; and by an *unwavering adherence*.. in all persecutions, oppositions, and trials.”

“He who declares *his belief* makes a profession.

“He who associates with *Christian people* does it.

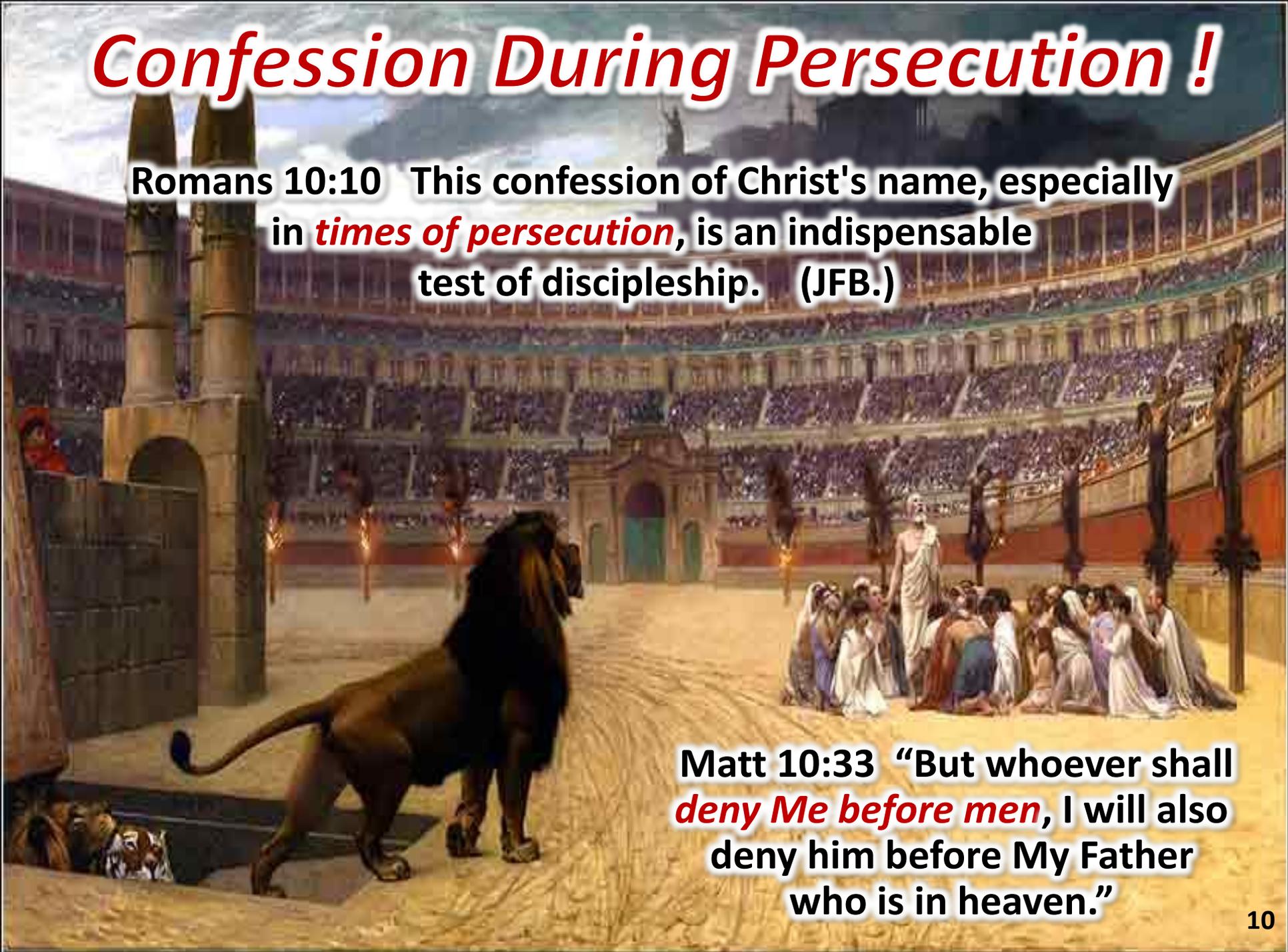
“He who acts with them in the *prayer* and in deeds of *benevolence*, does it.

“ He who is *baptized*, and *commemorates the death* of the Lord Jesus, does it.

“And he who leads an *humble, prayerful, spiritual* life, does it.”

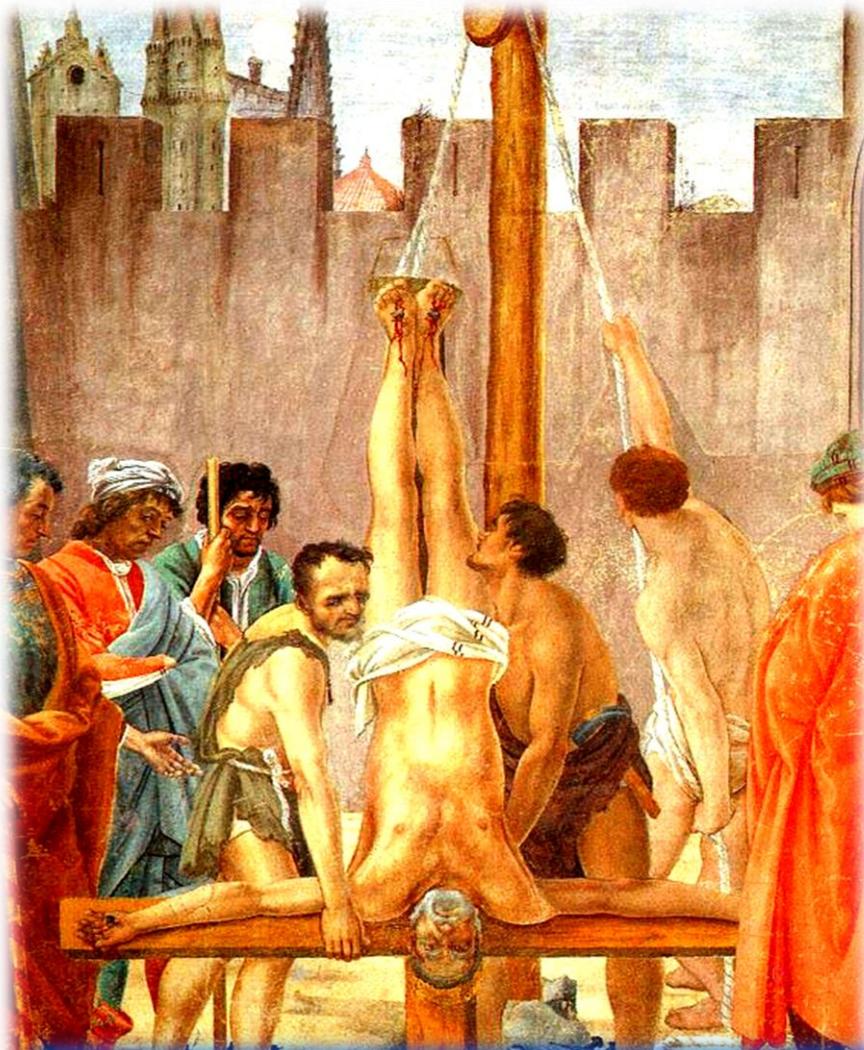
Confession During Persecution !

Romans 10:10 This confession of Christ's name, especially in *times of persecution*, is an indispensable test of discipleship. (JFB.)



Matt 10:33 “But whoever shall *deny Me before men*, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”

The CONSEQUENCE of Confession



Matt 10:38 “And he who does **not** **take his cross** and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”

39 “He who has found his life shall lose it, **and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.**”

Faithful **endurance** by saints in past centuries (Heb 11:36^b-37)

Rev 2:10 “The devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested... **Be faithful until death**, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Jerome said that Peter asked to be crucified **head down**, because he was not worthy to be crucified in same manner as Lord” Fox

CONFESSION WILL ULTIMATELY BE UNIVERSAL

Phil 2:9
“**God highly exalted Him,** and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name..”



Phil 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are **in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth.**

Phil 2:11 **Every** tongue should **confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.

If you have faith...



...you will see

The Confession of *Christ*



Matthew 10:32 “It means to acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, and our *dependence* on him for salvation, and our *attachment* to him, in every proper manner. Barnes

A vibrant sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across a sky filled with colorful, wispy clouds. The sun's reflection is visible on the dark water below. The overall mood is inspirational and hopeful.

**YOU GOTTA
FAITH IT
TILL YOU MAKE IT**