

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & Matthew 10:16 – 42
Singing: 378:1-3 – 337:3-4 – 232:1-3 – 324:2-4 – 403:3 – 354:1, 5, 6

Jesus' Words to encourage you to be faithful in your confession of Him

I. When you confess Jesus, it is to flow from your heart

A. To confess is just *not saying* “Jesus is Son of God ” (Mark 1:24; 5:7)

B. To confess Jesus is to own Him and surrender to Him as your rightful Lord

C. Such a *confession* rooted in faith in the heart: Rom. 10:8-10

II. When you confess Jesus in truth, it will cost you dearly

A. Jesus in His teaching does not hide the real cost of being His disciple

1. ponder Matthew 10:16 ff

2. includes embracing Jesus cross (vs. 38-39; Acts 14:22)

B. Jesus spoke later again about this in Luke 14:26-27

III. Yet when you confess Jesus, it will echo in heaven before Jesus' Father

A. Jesus is always your eye/ear witness (vs. 26), yet He is more than a witness

B. If you confess Him, Jesus takes up your cause before the Father for you: 32

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows!

Dear children! How special that you are again in church! That means God is kind to you as He seeks to make your life truly happy. To live separate from God is sad and only will get sadder. He knows that and therefore God has come to you to seek you.

1. So begin with prayer. Pray God to help you to listen and learn.
2. What is special about this morning's service? If you don't know, wait and see.

3. What Bible book do we read from today? _____
4. What were some special needs we prayed for this morning? Write them down so you can pray for them this week also. _____

5. While you listen to sermon, listen to answer these questions,
 - a. What is to confess Jesus? _____

 - b. Which stories in the Bible shows what a real confession is? _____

 - c. What belongs to making a confession with your mouth or life? Clue: it is something *in* you. _____

 - d. Why will following the Lord Jesus be costly? _____

 - e. What does Jesus make known He does in heaven for all who love Him?

6. One day you will be a young adult. Also you will make a confessing in your choices and especially in your heart. What will you pray today that you may in your near future vow to God to follow Him as His disciple? Write out your prayer so you will remember it better.

