

Confession Unto Salvation

Powerful Scripture - Regarding the Heart and Mouth.

Romans 10:8-10 NASB

8But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—*that is*, the word of faith which we are preaching, **9** *that if you confess with your mouth **JESUS** as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; **10**for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

What is this saying?

What Key Truth does this show us?

Your repeated words reflect the revelation in your heart and will ratify into reality the quality of life you experience.

When it comes to confessing Jesus as Lord:

Fill in #1

When you see Jesus you will say Jesus.

and

Fill in #2

Seeing Jesus is truly knowing Jesus.

and

Fill in #3

Saying Jesus is truly living Jesus.

Fill in #4

When you know Jesus you will live Jesus.

As followers of Jesus this is our life:

"See Jesus, say Jesus, know Jesus, live Jesus."

That is truly confession unto salvation.

Is this too simple? Let's go deeper.

What is Salvation?

Comes from the greek sozo carrying the idea of wholeness, life and also rooted in the word sotera - meaning safety, deliverance, and blessings can also mean rescue.

The goal isn't just to get saved - it is to experience God's kingdom daily.
When we say yes to Jesus Christ and confess Him as Lord that is a starting point, but then the journey should continue.

Philippians 2:12 NASB

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Hebrews 2:2,3 NASB

2For if the word spoken through angels proved [b]unalterable, and every violation and act of disobedience received a just [c]punishment, **3**how will we escape if we neglect **so great a salvation?**

Hebrews 10:23 AMP

Let us seize *and* hold tightly the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is reliable *and* trustworthy *and* faithful [to His word];

Back to our KEY TRUTH

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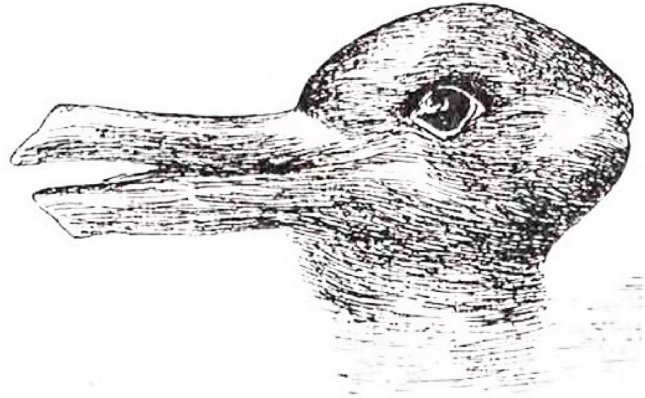
Jesus said it this way:

John 8:32 NASB

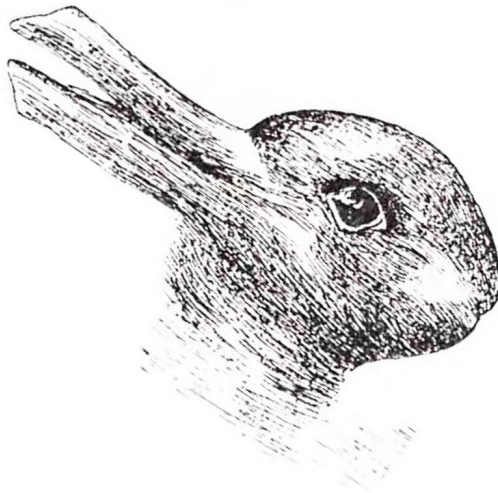
32and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

When you see Jesus you will say Jesus.
When you know Jesus you will live Jesus.

Talk about the Albatross.



Talk about the Rabbit.



If we truly believe Jesus, because we see Him in scripture then and only then will we truly see and experience salvation - the truth as it really is.

John 8:31,32 NASB

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly My disciples;

Keep your eyes open! Keep looking for me in the Word. Discipline your selves to keep looking for me in the Word. Why? Because your life will follow the belief in your heart. And if you stop looking for Jesus, everything else is going to get in there and so goes your life down another path.

This is how our heart works:

Something gets exposed to your heart, an idea, a piece of information and at some point for you it becomes a revealed truth, it becomes your reality and so your heart - doing what God created it to do - acts like a powerful alignment tool and it establishes your core values, your true beliefs.

So whatever your heart believes or has come to know, your heart will convince you - THAT is the right way.

Ephesians 1:18 AMP

And [I pray] that the **eyes** of your heart [the very center and core of your being] may be enlightened [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit], so that you will know *and* cherish the hope [the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God's people),

We better have our eyes open to see Jesus and the hope of His calling but it isn't automatic, it's a choice.

So we have two options - you can believe and align with God's Truth then your heart will be rightly aligned with His Truth and the Bible calls this righteousness. Or . . . you can believe and align with any other truth, the worlds truth, the pursuit of self as truth, self identity, self governing, etc.

In other words: whatever your heart believes will make you whole and complete - your mouth will confirm. Even if it is a lie. It sets in motion the quality of life you experience.

Break It Down

Romans 10:8 NASB

8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" — *that is*, the word of faith which we are preaching,

So he is saying this is what you may have known but **now this is what you need to know. Bring faith to the unseen. See Jesus by faith where you didn't see Him before. Paul was quoting this next passage.**

Deuteronomy 30:14 NASB

"On the contrary, the word, is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, **that you may follow it.**" **Follow what? The law.**

Note: The Bible when Paul taught and when Jesus taught would be from the Tanakh. The Law the Prophets and the Wisdom texts.

Paul is saying, "The Hebrew Bible as you currently see it and say it, says something you didn't realize was there - so you need a new revelation of it.

BACKGROUND

The law was to be meditated on day and night. Spoken out loud to oneself, and to others - it was to be orally passed on to the next generation.

Deuteronomy 17:19 CSB

It is to remain with him, and he is to read from it (read aloud implied) all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the **LORD** (Jesus as Lord) his God by carefully observing all the words of this instruction and these statutes.

Take it further . . .

Deuteronomy 30:15,16 NASB

15"See, I have placed before you today life and happiness, and death and adversity, **16**in that I am commanding you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, so that you may live and become numerous, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to take possession of it.

He is saying - Now when you meditate on the Word of God and mutter it all day long, do it with the revelation in your heart that every part of scripture always has been a revelation of Jesus Christ, as God's Sacrificed Son, and as Lord over all creation.

The true fulfillment of this blessing has come in Christ Jesus. And now you are to flourish and prosper as messengers of the gospel - bringing the kingdom of heaven into the earth!

What you saw was the law and what you *said* was the law. Now what you must see *by faith* is Jesus and what you must say *by faith* is Jesus and you will begin to know me and live for me.

See Jesus, say Jesus, and walk in life and happiness, **OR** see darkness and your own truth and you can walk in death and adversity.

When we look back from this side of the cross - The Hebrew Bible is so incredibly overflowing with literary patterns, themes, word plays, numerology, prophetic writings about the life, the miracles, the death, the resurrection, the name, the complete doctrine of Jesus the Son of God the second person of the trinity it is literally mind blowing. You can't miss it - if you just

open your eyes and see it.

The New Testament is incomplete with our the promise of Messiah in the Old. The Word of God is the first and second testament of Jesus Christ.

When you see Jesus you will say Jesus.
When you know Jesus you will live Jesus.

John 15:7 NASB

If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

What we need today and what we need everyday is a revelation of who Jesus is. And we need to speak out of that revelation in our heart and when we do that - Jesus said it's as good as done.

Jesus is saying, the Word was always me and now by grace through faith - you are empowered by the Spirit to live a life that affirms and fulfills the great commandments and testifies of me.

Luke 10:27 NASB

And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

John 13:34,35 NASB

34I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35**By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."

CLOSE

What is the mark of love? Jesus showed us. He gave His life - literally.

Maybe we aren't seeing Him like we used to because we only see our issues, our problems, or the things we are unhappy with.

I want to invite everyone to look again and allow Jesus to reveal Himself to you today as the hope of your salvation.

Look to the entire Word as a unified Holy Spirit inspired work that testifies of Jesus.

Look again at His church and instead of seeing flawed people see Jesus working through us.

Look again at a lost world, a broken system and see Jesus as the answer.

Can we all step up and start seeing Jesus and speaking Jesus and knowing Jesus and Living Jesus?

If you have never confessed Jesus as Lord I want to invite you to pray with me this prayer.

Let's all pray together:

Father in Heaven - Right now I acknowledge your Son Jesus Christ as the sinless sacrifice who died in my place and was raised to life by God the Father. I confess my sins and I turn toward you in repentance right now publicly declaring Jesus Christ as my Lord. In Jesus name - amen!