

V32 THEREFORE EVERYONE WHO CONFESSES ME BEFORE MEN I WILL ALSO CONFESS BEFORE MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN THIS IS FOR ALL PROFESSING BELIEVERS TO CAREFULLY EXAMINE THEMSELVES OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONFESS CHRIST BEFORE MEN DETERMINES CHRIST WILLINGNESS TO CLAIM THAT PERSON BEFORE HIS FATHER

ROM 1:16 PAUL SAID FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES

PAUL WAS NOT ASHAMED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST BECAUSE HIS IS THE ONLY MESSAGE THAT OFFERS SALVATION AND HOPE TO A CORRUPT AND DYING WORLD

TO CONFESS MEANS TO AFFIRM AND AGREE WITH WE DO NOT CONFESS CHRIST SIMPLY BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE IS LORD AND SAVIOR BUT BY ACKNOWLEDGING AND RECEIVING HIM AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR ROM 10:9-10 IT BECOMES A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP ITS NOT JUST KNOWING ABOUT JESUS IT IS KNOWING HIM PERSONALLY

OUTWARD CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH IS A REFLECTION OF GENUINE BELIEF IN THE HEART

CONFESSING JESUS BEFORE MEN OPENLY IDENTIFYING WITH CHRIST WHEREVER YOU ARE AT WORK OR AT HOME SHOPPING OR FISHING AMONG BELIEVERS OR NON BELIEVERS

THOSE WHO LIVES ARE CHARACTERIZED BY CONFESSING CHRIST IN NAME AND OBEDIENCE ARE THOSE WHO JESUS WILL ALSO CONFESS BEFORE HIS FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN WHAT AN INCREDIBLY WONDERFUL THOUGHT TO KNOW THAT ALL CHRISTIANS WILL STAND BEFORE THE FATHER IN HEAVEN AND HEAR JESUS TELL HIM THEY ARE HIS HE CLAIMS THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE CLAIMED HIM

V33 THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF JESUS WARNING IS SOBERING BUT WHOEVER DENIES ME BEFORE MEN I WILL ALSO DENY HIM BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN THIS WARNING APPLIES TO A PERSON WHO MAKES AN OUTWARD PROFESSION OF CHRISTIANITY BUT TURNS AWAY WHEN HARD TESTING COMES

IT IS POSSIBLE TO DENY CHRIST BEFORE MEN BY SILENCE BY FAILING TO WITNESS FOR HIM IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO DENY CHRIST BY ACTIONS LIVING LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD LIVES IT IS POSSIBLE TO DENY CHRIST BY WORDS USING PROFANITY AND VULGARITY

JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT FUTURE JUDGMENT IN THAT DAY THOSE WHO CONFESS HIM HE WILL ALSO CONFESS AND THOSE WHO DENY HIM HE WILL ALSO DENY THEM

IN THE STORY OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS JESUS WENT ON TO SAY THEN HE THE KING WILL SAY TO THOSE ON HIS LEFT DEPART FROM ME ACCURSED ONES INTO THE ETERNAL FIRE WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS MATT 25:41 HERE JESUS WAS SPEAKING OF THOSE WHO CLAIMED TO BE HIS FOLLOWERS AND WILL SAY TO HIM ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT LORD WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY OR THIRSTY OR A STRANGER OR NAKED OR SICK OR IN PRISON AND DID NOT CARE FOR YOU

LIKE JUDAS THEY PROFESSED HIM BUT THEY DID NOT GENUINELY CONFESS HIM THEY CLAIMED HIM AS LORD BUT THEY NEVER BELONGED TO HIM THEY HAD NOT TRUSTED IN HIM OR OBEYED HIM

JUDAS IS THE CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF A PROFESSOR WHO IS NOT A CONFESSOR THERE ARE MANY PROFESSORS BUT VERY FEW CONFESSORS MATT 7:21-23

MATT 7:13-14 ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE FOR THE GATE IS WIDE AND THE WAY IS BROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION