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Confession, Death, and Exaltation ***Tim Dooley***

In Luke 22:66–71 Jesus is led before the Sanhedrin Council and asked if He were indeed the Christ. He responds by asking them if they will believe anything He has to say or if they will release Him if he answers their question. Jesus' response is rhetorical; He knew, and they knew, the answer. The Lord then states the following truth, "Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

Obviously frustrated, and somewhat taken aback, by the Lord's response the council modifies their original question by asking, "Are You then the Son of God?" Jesus' reply will cost Him His life, "You rightly say that I am." The council chamber is filled with the sound of shock and dismay over the blasphemous words they had just heard. This Man had just exalted Himself to equality with the one true and living God (Exodus 3:14). Had it been any other it would have indeed been blasphemy; the penalty for such a crime was death.

There are several things one should consider from this text. Jesus knew that His confession would lead to His death (Matthew 17:12; Luke 9:22). But He also knew that His obedience to the Father would result in His ultimate resurrection and exaltation. The process herein sets an example that is imperative for every man to follow if he wishes to have eternal life.

Confession: Just as Jesus confessed that He was the Christ, the Son of God, we too must make the same confession. The Ethiopian Eunuch stated, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37). That confession is essential for everyone who wishes to have everlasting life (Romans 10:9; 1 John 4:15)! Jesus stated clearly, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who

is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32–33). This confession is to be made both in word and in action. The sobering words of the apostle Paul should serve all as warning enough, “As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God” (Romans 14:11).

Death: Yet contrary to popular, ecumenical teaching a confession of the truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is not in and of itself enough to save anyone. As mentioned previously the confession is not limited to a verbal affirmation of the truth, but the life one lives. Even as Jesus knew that His confession would lead to His death we must realize that the confession we make necessitates our death. Paul said he died daily (1 Corinthians 15:31) and Jesus demanded, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it” (Luke 9:23–24). This death demands that one puts away his own selfish desires and be obedient to the will of God (Romans 6:3–6).

Resurrection and Exaltation: The previous verse in Romans 6 assures us that if we are planted in the likeness of His death then we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection raised up. In 1 Corinthians 6:14 we read, “And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.” Jesus was indeed exalted following His death as He foretold (Philippians 2:9) and God will exalt all those who will humble themselves and follow in His steps (1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10).

Have you confessed the name of Jesus with your words and actions before both God and men, or are you ashamed to confess Him as your King? Have you died to self and been buried with Him in baptism? Do you live each day with the hope and expectation of being resurrected and exalted? Jesus knew what the confession He made would bring and was willing to go there for you...are you willing to go there for Him? Eternal life demands that we do!

Be faithful!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Carolyn Callis, Carleton Kidder

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Margaret Davis

Today's Sermons

AM - Salvation - Confession
Romans 10:9-10

PM - Samuel Yocum
Mark 12:28-34

Happenings

South Jackson

February 18

Men's Business Meeting
following AM Services

Cards to Send

Pearl Johnson
119 Autumn Valley Raod
Jackson, TN 38305

Mike Wages
110 Southwood Drive
Jackson, TN 38341

Weekly Record

6 AM	7
Bible Class	45/13
AM Worship	65/21
PM Worship	47/5
Wed Bible Study	49/30
Contribution	3385
Budget	4014

February Singing Night

February 25 will be a time for all
to request a song.

The suggestion box is in the
foyer to put your requests in.

Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 11 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Feb 18 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Tommy Williams

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Samuel Yocum

Closing Prayer: Ray Pack

Communion: Greg Long

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Michael Mullinicks

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Ray Pack

Feb 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

Feb 21 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ronald Clouse

Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM