

Grace Bible Chapel

Luke – Message #111

Sunday, March 8th, 2026

Luke 12:8-9 – The Confession that Counts

V. Jesus' Journey Toward Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)

a. Ministry in Samaria, Bethany, and Judea (9:51-13:35)

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xxiii. Preparing for Persecution: Beware the Leaven! (12:1-3)

xxiv. The Fear that Strengthens (4-7)

xxv. **The Confession that Counts** (8-9)

Key Passage: Luke 12:8-9, *“And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.”*

Introduction: _____

I. **The Manifestation** of a True Confession: (Luke 12: 8a, 9a; Jn 7:12-13, 9:22, 12:42-43; 1 Tim 6:12; Isa 12:4-5, 43:10) _____

II. **The Meaning** of a True Confession: (Rom 10:6-10; Heb 4:14, 10:23; 1 Jn 4:15) _____

III. **The Message** of a True Confession: (Jn 8:31; 10:27; 1 Jn 2:22-23, 4:2-3, 15; Rom 10:17) _____

IV. **The Master** of a True Confession: (Rom 10:17; 1 Cor 12:3; Acts 2:36; Phil 2:9-11; Jn 13:13) _____

v. **The Marks of a True Confession:** (Lk 6:46; Jn 14:15; 1 Jn 2:3-4, 19; Col 2:6) _____

vi. **The Moment of Confirmation:** (Luke 12:8b, 9b; Mt 7:21-23; Rev 3:5; Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 5:10) _____

Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

1. Do I openly confess my allegiance to Christ before others, or do I tend to keep my faith hidden when identifying with Him might cost me something?
2. Is the Christ I confess truly the Christ revealed in Scripture – the Messiah, the incarnate Son of God who died for sins and rose again – or have I accepted a version of Jesus shaped by culture or personal preference?
3. Since I confess that Jesus is Lord, does my life show a growing submission to His authority even when obedience to Him brings opposition, sacrifice, or loss?

Heart Check:

- A true confession of Christ is not merely a spoken profession. It is the open acknowledgment of the true Christ revealed in Scripture and the joyful submission of the heart to Him as Lord.
- Is the Christ I confess the true Christ of Scripture, and does my life show that I not only believe His Word, but that I truly belong to Him?

“Faith is the confident, continuous confession of total dependence on and trust in Jesus Christ for the necessary requirements to enter God’s Kingdom. It involves more than mere intellectual assent to the truth of the gospel; saving faith includes trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and surrender to His lordship.”

John MacArthur