

The Necessity of confessing Faith in Jesus

By Jeff Arnette

One of the most important aspects of being a Christian is confessing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This means publicly acknowledging that Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again from the dead. Confessing faith in Jesus also means living according to his teachings and commands and following his example of love and service.

The Bible tells us that confessing faith in Jesus has eternal consequences. In Matthew 10:32-33, Jesus says: "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven." This shows us that confessing faith in Jesus is not optional, but essential for our salvation. For example, in Acts 4:12, Peter declares: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Confessing faith in Jesus is the only way to be saved from sin and death.

The Bible also tells us that confessing faith in Jesus has spiritual benefits. In 1 John 4:15, John writes: "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God." This shows us that confessing faith in Jesus is not only a verbal declaration, but a personal relationship with God. Confessing faith in Jesus allows us to experience God's presence, power, and love in our lives. For example, in Romans 8:16-17, Paul writes: "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ." Confessing faith in Jesus makes us part of God's family and gives us a glorious inheritance.

Therefore, confessing faith in Jesus is not something we should be ashamed of or afraid of. It is something we should be proud of and eager to do. Confessing faith in Jesus is a way of honoring him, trusting him, and loving him. Confessing faith in Jesus is a way of expressing our gratitude for his grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Confessing faith in Jesus is a way of witnessing to others about his goodness, truth, and beauty.



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: Are You Led by The Spirit?

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Steve is preaching today.

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm August 2, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 4th chapter on O (obey).
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – August 20.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, August 1. Amos pt.3
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – October 29, venue TBD.
- ❖ **Men's Prayer Breakfast- August 12 @ Wellsboro.** Arthur will lead the devotional...Yearning.



Steve worked in the kitchen at Camp Hunt Bible Camp last week, and **Arthur** joined him on Thursday morning. It was physically challenging, but spiritually refreshing. Many old friends were there, and two campers obeyed the Gospel.



Join us at the **5th Sunday Singing** which we are hosting TODAY at 4:30pm. After the singing there will be a time of food and fellowship downstairs.

PRAYERS

- **Thanks for success with the House to House** and Heart to Heart outreach effort. Pray for continued response.
- **Kathy Farrell**, a contact from the mail-out, has asked for prayers as she has been suffering from leukemia for the last 13 years. She should be here today.
- **Darlene** has been suffering from severe inflammation of the esophagus. On 9/18 she will have an upper endoscopy with Bravo chip to see what is wrong. Pray that she can find the correct medicine to remedy this.
- **Amy** has finally got a possible answer to her stomach issues. She apparently has to restore the florae in her gut following an antibiotic she took before going to Israel. Please pray that this will resolve the issue that has caused her so much discomfort.
- Darlene has asked for prayers for her **Aunt Nancy**, Jackie's sister, who is suffering from dementia.

Pray for these people:

- **Bob** (Steve Burger's brother-in-law)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Sue Barry**- Breast cancer stage 4 chemo treatment. Pray that she will go into remission.
- **Pat Guthrie**- lung cancer, stage 4 chemo treatment
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, back on chemo.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **Jerry Lowe**- needs contact with a church.
- **Brian**, who was injured by a falling tree and is now in rehab near Albany, NY.
- **Bonnie's brother Greg**, who had major discomfort following his prostate surgery for cancer. He is now home after a long stay in the hospital.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.