

## **KEYS OF KINGDOM POWER#2 CONFESSION**

Mat. 21 <sup>18</sup> Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. <sup>19</sup> Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.

<sup>20</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. <sup>22</sup> If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." NIV

Our tongue reveals what is in our heart.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7), and "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34).

How we **think** we feel and what we **confess** about it has a definite effect upon how we **actually** feel.

Jesus came to give us an abundant life -- a life free from sin, sickness, poverty, fear, depression, worry, and defeat.

You will reveal the nature and extent of your faith by what you say or confess, because what you confess is your faith speaking. Your confession will reveal whether your faith is strong, weak, great, or small.

Confession has been so abused by hyper faith teachers until many have lost sight of its power. What I am speaking about is the "blab and grab it" concept that what I confess I can have. This is taken so far that people believe "our words have the power to create". **God's words are the only**

**words that have creative power. Our word bring “blessing or cursing”.**

I want to present some simple truths about confession that have kingdom power connected to them. We are to confess our relationship with Christ, the word of God and our sin.

## **I. Confess your relationship with Christ.- Salvation**

God deals with us on the basis of what we say or confess.

### **A. Confess your Salvation**

#### **1. Confession establishes our salvation.**

Romans 10<sup>9</sup> That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. KJV

#### **2. When we confess Christ He confesses us.**

Matt. 10<sup>32</sup> Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

#### **3. Believing without confession is not salvation!**

The Pharisees were guilty of this.

John 12<sup>42</sup> Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: <sup>43</sup> For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

James 2<sup>19</sup> Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. KJV

## **B. There are 4 things we must confess about our relationship with Christ.**

### **1. Our standing**

a. Col. 2:10 “you are complete in him”

b. Col. 1<sup>13</sup> Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: <sup>14</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: KJV

c. Gal. 4<sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. <sup>7</sup> Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. KJV

The victorious life is based upon our continual confession of our **present standing** in Christ.

### **2. Our position**

a. We have been **crucified** with Christ  
(Galatians 2:20)

b. We have **died** with Christ (II Corinthians 5:14)

c. We have **risen** with Christ (Colossians 3:1)

d. We have also **ascended** into the heavens with Christ, and are **seated with Him**.

Eph. 2<sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) <sup>6</sup> And hath

raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: KJV

### 3. Our inheritance

Too many Christians today are like the elder brother in the Parable of the Prodigal Son who, ignorant of the significance of his **position**, confessed that he had nothing and that his wayward brother had greater rights and privileges than he. His father reminded him of his **position** as a son, and that all he had to do to obtain what he desired was to confess his position and claim his rights to whatever he desired.

Luke 15 <sup>31</sup> And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. KJV

Rom. 8 <sup>31</sup> What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**

2Peter 1 <sup>3</sup> According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: <sup>4</sup> Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. KJV

### 4. Our authority

**Your condition will always parallel your confession.**

a. Stop confessing what you can't do.

Whenever God calls us to do something we can do it!

However, **Moses** insisted on **confessing that he could not**

**speak** to Pharaoh, then he could not, and **God was compelled to send Aaron his brother for him** (Exodus 4).

**The Israelites perished in the wilderness because they confessed that they would.**

Numbers 14 That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "**If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!**

<sup>28</sup> So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very things I heard you say: <sup>29</sup> In this desert your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. NIV

b. Start confessing the authority you have in Christ.

1. Cast our devils in His name- Mark 16
  2. Speak with new tongues
  3. Heal the sick
  4. Bind and Loose
  5. All things are possible to them that believe.
- Mark 9:23

## **II. CONFESS THE WORD OF GOD**

A true confession of faith always **agrees with God's Word**. In fact, the literal meaning of the Greek term which is translated "to confess" in the New Testament is "**to agree with,**" or "**to speak the same language.**"

Our failure often comes because we argue with what God says in his word. We excuse and explain away why we can't possess its power or claim it's promises.

Great power is released when we agree with God!  
**2Ti. 2** <sup>25</sup> In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; <sup>26</sup> **And *that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*** KJV

Jos. 1 <sup>8</sup> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. NIV

What we say does not matter. What matters is I must confess the same thing God is saying about my circumstance!

We must confess our relationship with Christ and confess the Word of God. If nothing is happening it may be because of sin.

The only thing that will hinder our confession is sin.

Therefore we are to .....

### **III. CONFESS SIN**

James 5 <sup>16</sup> Therefore **confess your sins** to each other and pray for each other so **that you may be healed**. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

1Jo. 1 <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. KJV

Once sin has been confessed and turned from there is nothing to stop the flow of God's power in confirming his word.