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- **1 Timothy 6:12 (ASV)** Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses.

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- 1 Timothy 6:12 (**NASB**) Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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- **1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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- Confess
- “**Homo**” meaning “the same” and “**Logeo**” meaning ‘to say or speak’
- Lit., “to speak the same thing”
- “To say the same thing as another” (*Thayer*)

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- **1.** “To confess, declare, admit,” (*Vine’s*)

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- John 1:20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed,
“I am not the Christ.”

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- Acts 24:14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.

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- Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

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- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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- **2.** “To confess by way of admitting oneself guilty of what one is accused of, the result of inward conviction,” (*Vine’s*)
- **3.** “To declare openly by way of speaking out freely, such being the effect of deep conviction of facts.” (*Vine’s*)

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- **Matthew 7:23** And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

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- Matthew 10:32 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

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- **Luke 23:2-3** And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”
3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” He answered him and said, “It is as you say.”

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- **John 18:36-37** Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

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- **Romans 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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- **1 John 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**

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- **Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,**

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- **2 Corinthians 9:13 (NASB)** Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,

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- **2 Corinthians 9:13 (NIV)** Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

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- **Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

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- **Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.**

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- **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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- **Acts 20:7** Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

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- **John 12:42-43 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**

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- **James 2:17-18** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead 18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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