## What Makes the Good Confession Good?

Matthew 16:13-16

Introduction: Acts 8:36-37

## I. It is a Definite Confession

- A. I Timothy 6:12.
  - 1. How do we know the confession is a definite one?
  - 2. Who is it to be confessed to?
- B. I Timothy 6:13-14.
  - What was the Lord's answer to Pontius Pilate?
    Mark 15:2
  - 2. What does the Good Confession become for you?
- C. This confession is to be held firmly, without W\_\_\_\_\_
  - Hebrews 4:14 & 10:23.
  - 1. How do we get "confession" out of these passages?
  - 2. Since the Lord is faithful, what should be your response to Him?
- D. Who will make this Good Confession? Philippians 2:9-11

## **II. It Has Special Content**

- A. What is the Good Confession for the Jew? Matthew 26:63-64; 16:15-16 & John 9:22.
- B. What is the Good Confession for the Gentile (the non-Jew)?
  - 1. What does this say about who the Lord is? Colossians 2:9; John 14:9 & I John 4:2-3
  - 2. What did the Lord say about Himself? Matthew 27:43
  - 3. What is commitment to this confession a condition for?- I John 5:5
- C. What is the Good Confession for everybody? Romans 10:9

## III. It is Necessary for Salvation

- A. How do you make the Good Confession? Romans 10:9-10
- B. What response does the Lord promise when you do? Matthew 10:32
- C. What is the Good Confession a condition for? I John 4:15 & I Corinthians 12:3
- D. What does the Good Confession imply?

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2. What might keep you from making it? - John 12:42-43

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