

Confessing Jesus Christ

Philippians 2:11-And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (KJV)

Believers confess belief in Jesus Christ as King and as God at Holy Baptism.

The expressed belief in Jesus Christ is to be actualized all the days of earthly life.

Believers are to grow, mature and advance in Jesus Christ throughout earthly life.

The life in Christ intends for the believer to be active and take initiative to grow.

Christ provides the nourishment, teaching and direction for growth and maturity.

I Timothy 6:13-I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; (KJV)

Baptism normally occurs at a young age and growth in Jesus Christ is expected.

Parents, grandparents, family members and God-parents assume a responsibility.

The believer benefits from the support, nurturing and examples of loved ones.

The Church offers the nourishment to strengthen believers confessing Christ.

Opportunities exist in the Church for believers to confess Christ with others.

I John 4:2- Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: (KJV)

Confessing is the expression of belief in Jesus Christ in love, in words and deeds.

Believers confessing Christ seek to model Christ's love, humility and forgiveness.

Hearts filled with Christ readily confess Jesus Christ in thought, word and deed.

Repentance is necessary to eliminate from the believer all that is not of Christ.

Confessing Christ is difficult if the believer is deeply entangled in perils of sin.

I John 4:3- And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (KJV)

Consistent honest self-examination enables the believer to remain true to Christ.

The lives of the saints and martyrs serve as inspiring examples for believers.

Prayer and fasting keep the believer united with and filled with the love of Christ.

Love for Christ pours forth from the believer when the heart embraces Christ.

Confessing Christ establishes the believer's identity with others in daily life.

2 John 1:7- For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.(KJV)

Followers and confessors of Christ maintain Christ's standards and teachings.

Confessors and followers of Jesus Christ firmly stand against evil and corruption.

Truth, love and peace characterize relationships established by Christ's confessors.

The fruits of a person's life will ultimately reveal if he or she confesses Christ.

Each person will stand before the Lord God for the Great and Final Judgment.

St. Athanasius the Great. St. Cyril of Alexandria. St. Maximus, Archbishop of Serbia. January 18/31, 2024. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic