

# Matthew 10:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

## Analysis

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Jesus' promise 'Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven' establishes the requirement and reward of public witness. 'Confess' (Greek: *homologeō*) means to say the same thing—agreeing with God's truth about Jesus regardless of consequences. Jesus promises to acknowledge such faithful witnesses before the Father—eternal recognition for temporal faithfulness. This incentivizes boldness despite persecution.

## Historical Context

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First-century confession of Christ could mean martyrdom under Roman persecution. The promise of Jesus' confession before the Father outweighs all earthly consequences. This confession isn't mere words but identification with Jesus despite social, economic, or physical cost.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the promise of Jesus confessing you before the Father motivate your witness?
2. Where do you face pressure to remain silent about Jesus, and how will you respond?

## Interlinear Text

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Πᾶς οὖν ὅστις ὁμολογήσω ἐν ἐμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν  
**Whosoever** **therefore** G3748 **shall confess** **is in** **me** **before**  
G3956 G3767 G3670 G1722 G1698 G1715

τοῦ ἀνθρώπων ὁμολογήσω καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν  
**which** **men** **shall confess** **also** **is in** **him** **before**  
G3588 G444 G3670 G2504 G1722 G846 G1715

τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς·  
**which** **Father** **my** **which** **is in** **heaven**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 3:5** (Parallel theme): He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

**1 John 4:15** (Parallel theme): Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**2 Timothy 1:8** (Parallel theme): Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

**Revelation 2:13** (Parallel theme): I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

**1 Samuel 2:30** (Parallel theme): Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

**John 9:22** (Parallel theme): These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

**Psalms 119:46** (Parallel theme): I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

**Matthew 25:34** (Parallel theme): Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: