

Confessing Christ

by Clement of Rome

The sermon emphasizes the importance of confessing Christ and living according to His commandments in order to show that we truly know God.

Scripture: Isaiah 29:13, Matthew 10:32, John 14:15, 1 John 2:3

Topics: "True Faith", "Heart Devotion"

Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the importance of confessing and honoring God through Jesus Christ, the means by which true knowledge of the Father is attained. He highlights the need to not offer sacrifices to false gods but to acknowledge the one true God. Confessing Jesus before others is a sign of true faith, as Jesus promises to acknowledge those who confess Him before the Father. Clement stresses the significance of not just speaking about God but honoring Him with genuine devotion from the heart and mind, aligning with His commandments.

Transcript

Since, then, He has displayed so great mercy towards us, and especially in this respect, that we who are living should not offer sacrifices to gods that are dead, or pay them worship, but should attain through Him to the knowledge of the true Father, whereby shall we show that we do indeed know Him, but by not denying Him through whom this knowledge has been attained? For He himself declares, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father.

This, then, is our reward if we shall confess Him by whom we have been saved. But in what way shall we confess Him? By doing what He says, and not transgressing His commandments, and by honouring Him not with our lips only, but with all our heart and all our mind.

For He says in Isaiah, This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

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