

# 1 John 4:15

by John Gill

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of confessing Jesus as the Son of God and the significance of faith in Christ for salvation.*

**Topics:** "Confession of Faith", "True Belief"

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## Description

John Gill emphasizes the significance of confessing Jesus as the Son of God, highlighting that this confession goes beyond mere acknowledgment; it requires a heartfelt belief that leads to righteousness and obedience. He contrasts true faith with the belief of demons and unregenerate individuals, stressing that genuine faith is accompanied by love and a commitment to Christ's teachings. Gill encourages believers to openly profess their faith in Jesus, assuring them that such a confession brings them into communion with God.

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## Transcript

Ver. 15. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God,....

The only begotten of the Father; that he is not a mere man, as the Jews, and Ebion and Cerinthus said, but a divine person, equal with the Father; which contains all that relates to the dignity of his person, and his fitness for his office as a Saviour, and which was the test of faith in those times, and the grand article of belief: not that a bare assent to this had what followed annexed to it; for the devils believed and owned that Jesus was the Son of God; and so might, and did, unregenerate persons, as the centurion at the cross of Christ, who know nothing what communion with God is; but this confession is such as is attended with a believing in Christ from the heart unto righteousness, life, and salvation, and a cheerful obedience to his ordinances and commands, from a principle of love to him, and faith in him, things not to be found in devils and carnal men; see Ro 10:9.

God dwelleth in him, and he in God; See Gill on "1Jo 4:13"; this should encourage to an open and hearty confession of Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and to a public profession of his name, and faith in him, and an holding it fast without wavering.

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