

Luke 12:1-12 We Must Confess

- ✍ Jesus uses His opportunity to speak to one of the largest crowds that ever gathered to Him to warn about the biggest spiritual threat of that day and today: spiritual hypocrisy, Luke 12:8-9. Luke 12:1, a Hypocrite is an actor. Actors tamper with our emotions and we enjoy it as entertainment, spiritual actors are very similar, they know how to get to us, their doctrine is doctrines of demons, so it comes with real power behind it, but they don't just tamper with our emotions, they tamper with our souls.
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1. Jesus gives us three things we must do to avoid this danger. First, it starts with fearing God, God must be feared above and beyond all else.

- ✓ Luke 12:4-5, fear God because He can throw you into Hell; Luke 12:2; He doesn't miss anything, Luke 12:6. What does fearing God look like? How does it progress? The natural and supernatural progression of really fearing God is what Jesus follows with in Luke 12:8-9. If you do not honor Christ, you cannot honor God. Confessing Jesus is crucial! Many modern religious thinkers see Jesus as optional; nothing could be further from the truth: John 5:23; John 8:41-42. John 8:44, the devil wants nothing to do with Jesus, Matthew 8:29. Those that teach the doctrines of these demons want nothing to do with Him either. John 14:6; you're not going to go around Jesus and get to God! If you try to go around the Biblical Jesus you will pass up the Father as well, John 14:9.

2. Confess the Son!

- ✓ When someone confesses, they are owning up to the truth. To confess Christ is to acknowledge all that is true about Him. What's the truth about Jesus? So many Jesuses have been promoted and believed and followed, but there is only One that is true.
 - 1) The truth is that Jesus is God, 1st John 4:15. "Son" means of the same substance as God Himself
 - 2) The truth is that Jesus is man 2nd John 7, Jesus is fully man and fully God. Either you confess the truth about Christ, or you are with the antichrist.
 - 3) The truth is that Jesus is Lord, Romans 10:9 and Romans 10:13. If you call on a Jesus who isn't absolute Lord, you haven't called on the true Jesus.
- ✓ Ten times in the New Testament Jesus is called Savior, but He is called Lord 700 times. To have Him as Savior you must own up to the truth of His Lordship. You aren't adding Jesus to your life, He is adding you to His! You're turning from your life to find real life in Him. If you don't, you will lose your life, Luke 9:24-25. You don't get to keep your life, you are repenting/turning away from your life. Your old life dies, that's why you are united with Jesus's death in baptism, Romans 6:3-4, Romans 6:6-7. You are dying to you to live for Him, because He is Lord, Luke 9:26.

Either you deny yourself, your ideas, and the way you thought you should go, or you deny Him! That is how you stay out of Heaven, deny Jesus.
