

Romans 10.8-10                      The Function of Confessions

Belgic Confession Article 1

**Theme: Historic Confessions define for every Christian those doctrines that must be believed and confessed**

1. Children, notice at Romans 10.3 that the Apostle Paul is telling us that every person must \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

This means to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth God tells us in the Bible and to \_\_\_\_\_ those truths with our mouths.

Submitting to God takes place in the \_\_\_\_\_ and is made known to other people through the \_\_\_\_\_.

We all must \_\_\_\_\_ certain things about God and about the Bible and \_\_\_\_\_ help us to know what is important.

2. Now, children, you already believe many things, even though you might not think about those things. Will you eat \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow morning, or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow? Did you say yes? You \_\_\_\_\_ that you will eat those meals!

Do you every worry that the lights will not be on or that you will not have a chair to sit in when you come to church? You don't worry about those things, do you - you probably never think about the chairs not being here. You \_\_\_\_\_ you will be able to worship in this building.

3. Much more important truths are taught to us in the \_\_\_\_\_, children, truths that we must believe and confess. Look at verse 8 of our chapter, Romans 10, and see that the \_\_\_\_\_ is "*near*" every one of God's people. Paul is quoting from \_\_\_\_\_.

Children, God is very \_\_\_\_\_ to bring His Word very \_\_\_\_\_ to us and to bring us very \_\_\_\_\_ His Word!

Everything in the Bible must be believed, but some \_\_\_\_\_ are more basic and easier to understand. The doctrine \_\_\_\_\_ in this Christian Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine of salvation and we must all \_\_\_\_\_ this truth.

One way we teach this doctrine is by using \_\_\_\_\_. The Belgic Confession is one of those Standards.

4. Children, you each need to \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_ what is taught in the Belgic Confession. Children, you will also each need to use your own \_\_\_\_\_ one day to \_\_\_\_\_ that you yourself believe what God says in His Word. Do you know that the things you believe the \_\_\_\_\_ already live in your \_\_\_\_\_? We sometimes say, "I believe that with ALL MY HEART!" I hope you say that about the love that Dad and Mom have for you - you believe 'with all your heart' - that they love you. Well, everything written in this

Doctrinal Standard that we are now studying, the \_\_\_\_\_ needs to have that same place in your heart. And your profession - your \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth needs also to come out of your mouth. What would you do if some mean stranger tried to tell you that Dad and Mom really do not love you? Would you open your mouth and say, 'yes they do! Dad and Mom do love me!' Well, that is also what we do with the truth told us in the Belgic Confession. These things we \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_ we then \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_. Anything less is fake religion. Praise the Lord together that we are a confessional church....