

THE GOOD CONFESSION

**Taking The Pledge
Of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance



Words, 'Under God,' Inserted In Pledge of Allegiance

Washington, June 14 (AP)—President Eisenhower signed today a bill inserting the words "Under God" into the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and said in a statement this will strengthen the "spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource."

A short time later, American Legion officials raised a new flag on the Capitol steps to mark Flag Day, and joined in the first official recitation of the revised pledge.

The flag raised to the top of the pole in front of the Capitol dome, was presented by the Legion. Rep. Rabaut (D-Mich), sponsor of the bill, and Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.), led the group in reciting the pledge.

As he signed the bill, Eisenhower issued this statement:

"From this day forward the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in city and town,

every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country's true meaning.

"Especially is this meaningful as we regard today's world. Over the globe, mankind has been cruelly torn by violence and brutality and, by the millions, deadened in the mind and soul by a materialistic philosophy of life. Man everywhere is appalled by the prospect of atomic war.

"In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace or in war."



Oath of Allegiance to the United States

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."



THE OATH

I, (state your full name), having been appointed a Second Lieutenant, in the United States Air Force, do solemnly swear **that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States**, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.



Confession: Mouth & Heart

Romans 10:8-11

- 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):
- 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Making The Good Confession

**“YOU ARE THE CHRIST
THE SON OF GOD”**

Making The Good Confession

Peter:

Matt 16:13-18

John 6:66-69

Martha:

John 11:20-27

Jesus:

Matt 26:63-66

Thomas:

John 20:24-29

Ethiopian:

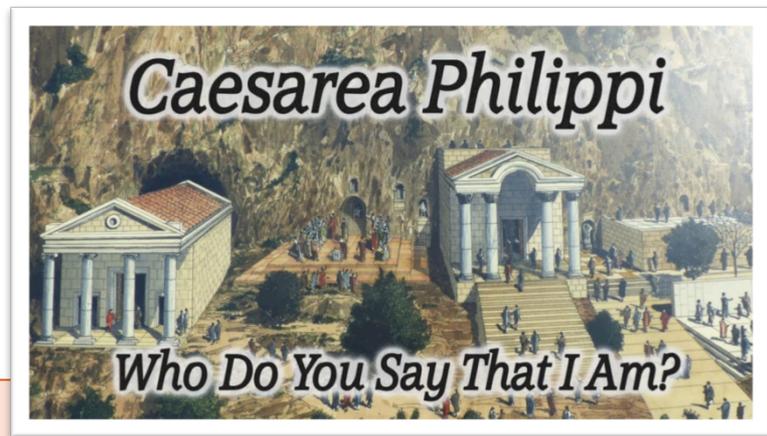
Acts 8:35-38

Timothy:

I Tim 6:11-14

PETER

Matt 16:13-19



13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

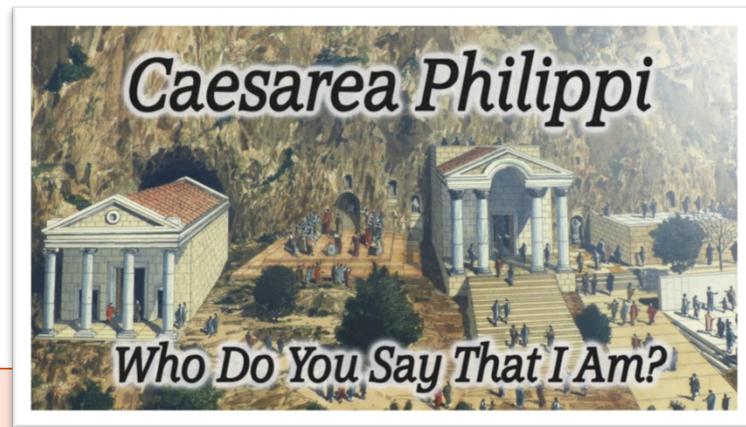
15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

PETER

Matt 16:13-19



- 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
- 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, **and on this rock I will build My church**, and **the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**
- 19 "And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom** of heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- 20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

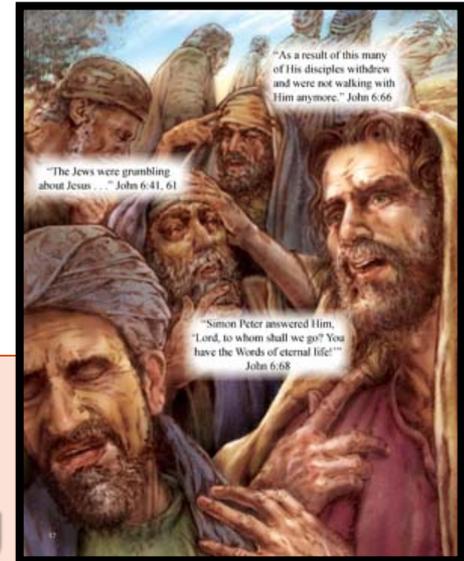
APOSTLES

John 6:64-71

64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.



PETER + 10

John 6:64-71



67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69 "Also **we** **have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

MARTHA

John 11:20-27



20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

MARTHA

John 11:20-27



25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

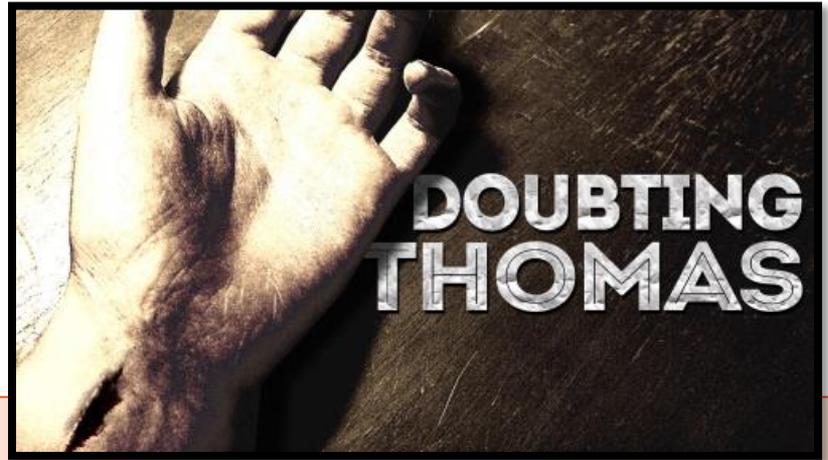
26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

Do you believe this?"

27 She said to Him, "Yes, *Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God,* who is to come into the world."

THOMAS

John 20:24-29



24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

THOMAS

John 20:24-29



27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him,
"My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

JESUS

Matthew 26:62-68



62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God:
Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

JESUS

Matthew 26:62-68



64 Jesus said to him, "**It is as you said**. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see **the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.**"

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!

66 "What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

JESUS

Matthew 26:62-68

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,
68 saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"



JESUS

John 18:33-37



33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "**You say rightly that I am a king.** For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. **Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"

TIMOTHY

I Timothy 6:11-16



- 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
- 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before ***Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,***

TIMOTHY

I Timothy 6:11-16



14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,
15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

ETHIOPIAN

Acts 8:35-38



35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said,

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

YOU

John 20:30-31



30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that **you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**, and that believing you may have life in His name.

MY CONFESSION

HOMOLOGEO “*to speak same thing*”

Same as all N.T. believers

Pledge of Allegiance / Sworn Oath

From: **Elementary confession** (*school kids*)

Ecclesiastes 5:4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it;

For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed-

5 Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

6 Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God.

**My Confession
My Baptism**

Name

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Date

April 26, 1964

Birth Certificate

John 3:3,5

I Peter 1:22-23

Marriage Certificate

Romans 7:4

Ephesians 5:25-27

Revelation 21:2

Death Certificate

Romans 6:3-7

Colossians 3:1-4

Resurrection Certificate

Romans 6:4-11

Romans 12:1-2

New Life Certificate

Ephesians 4:20-24

Colossians 3:8-17

Salvation Certificate

Mark 16:15-16

Acts 2:37-41

Galatians 3:26-27

The Christian's Pledge of Allegiance

