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Confession –

‘homologeō’ (g) – to assent, that is, acknowledge; to profess

‘logos’ (g) – something said

“give account”

‘homologia’ (g) - acknowledgement, profession

To own, avow or acknowledge; publicly to declare a belief in and adherence to; to own and acknowledge, as true disciples, friends or children; to declare to be true, or to admit or assent to in words;

opposed to deny; to show by the effect; to prove; to attest.

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John 8 : 17 – 18

“It is also written...the testimony of two...is true.”

‘marturia’ – evidence given: a report

I Timothy 5 : 17 – 20

“Do not receive an accusations...except from...witnesses.”

Why do you need witnesses?

For a testimony; for a confession of what they saw.

Why two or three?

For accuracy and credibility

Romans 10 : 10

“...with the mouth confession is made...”

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“I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” (John 8 : 18)

Who did Jesus say He was, is, and will ever be?

Jesus said – “I AM”

I –

The pronoun of the first person; the word which expresses one's self, or that by which a speaker or writer denotes himself

Am –

to be, to exist, to happen, to be present

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John 6 : 35

“I am the bread of life...”

John 8 : 12

“I am the light of the world...”

John 10 : 9

“I am the door...”

John 10 : 11

“I am the good shepherd...”

John 11 : 25

“I am the resurrection, and the life...”

John 14 : 6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life...”

John 15 : 1, 5

“I am the true vine...I am the vine...”

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John 10 : 7 – 10

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

What is a door?

‘thura’ – door, gate

in a parable or metaphor

the door through which sheep go in and out, the name of him who brings salvation to those who follow his guidance

A door is the entrance by which one enters a house, a room, a kingdom. A door also provides security by keeping in that which is in and out that which is out.

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John 10 : 7 – 10

“...If anyone enters by Me...”

What does it mean to enter by Him?

Acts 4 : 9 – 12

“...no other name under heaven...”

What do we find when we enter through the door?

“...pasture.”

‘nomah’ - pasturage, fodder, food

fig. he shall not want the needful supplies for the true life

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John 10 : 11 – 18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

What is a shepherd?

‘poimen’ - a herdsman, especially a shepherd

in the parable, he to whose care and control others have committed themselves, and whose precepts they follow

What is good?

‘kalos’ – properly beautiful, chiefly (figuratively) good; excellent in its nature and characteristics, and therefore well adapted to its ends

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John 10 : 11 – 18

“...The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

What separates Jesus from others?

Jesus owns the sheep, they belong to Him

A hireling runs from danger

A hireling is not willing to protect the sheep

A hireling does not care for the sheep

Jesus gathers the sheep into one fold

A hireling allows the sheep to be scattered by wolves

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What is the sheepfold?

The kingdom, the church

“...My church...kingdom of heaven...” (Matthew 16 : 18 – 19)

Is there any other way into the sheepfold?

No – What are we if we try another way?

John 10 : 1, 10

“...thief...” – the thief does not find life

Why follow Jesus, what makes Him our shepherd?

Acts 5 : 34 – 39

Theudas rose up, was killed, and the people scattered

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Can you make the same confessions as Jesus?

Jesus was, is, and will ever be:

The bread of life

The light of the world

The door

The good shepherd

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Mat 10 : 32 – 33