

CONFESS #2

Because of certain statements the apostle Paul makes in his writings, it is commonly understood that he was probably the one who taught the gospel to a young man named Timothy. After becoming a Christian and a preacher, Timothy also was the recipient of two of Paul's letters. Toward the end of the first one Paul gives him the following instructions in 1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

Paul is encouraging Timothy to stay faithful as a Christian so that he can reach his goal of heaven. He had been called to eternal life by God through his obedience to the gospel. Paul then lets us know that part of what was involved in that process was making what he refers to as the good confession. In other words, after hearing the message of salvation, one of the things Timothy did, resulting in his being saved, was to confess Jesus to be the Christ, the son of God.

So if we want eternal life, we too can be called by God through His gospel. By turning to the word of God and doing His will, which includes confessing Christ, we then will have the right to fight the good fight of faith and cling to that good confession for ever more.