

**Construction of a Christian – part 3**  
**Acts 2:37-38**  
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Thesis: I want to show how repentance & confession are a part of building a faithful Christian.

Intro: 1. Building a faithful Christian means not stopping part way through and saying you are done.  
2. There are certain things required from God in order become a faithful Christian, so we must keep building.

I. Repentance is another required step in building a faithful Christian.

A. God commands all to repent.

1. God wants all to have heaven as their home, but this doesn't happen without repentance (**2 Pt 3:9**)

2. Repentance is part of the gospel and must be preached (**Lk 24:46-47**)

B. Bear fruits (proof) worthy of repentance

1. By repentance we put to death sinful deeds (**Col 3:5-9**)

2. Godly sorrow produces true repentance (**2 Cor 7:10**)

II. Confession is a required step in building a faithful Christian.

A. Man must confess Christ as the Son of God.

1. Confess Him or He will not confess you (**Mt 10:32-33, Rev 3:5**)

2. Confession is made prior to baptism (**Acts 8:37**)

a. The Christian however continues to confess Christ by their faithful obedience to His commands following baptism (**Jn 14:15**)

B. Confession & Sincere belief must go together.

1. Some believe but are unwilling to confess because of their love for mankind (**Jn 12:42-43**)

2. Confessing Christ is a requirement for salvation without confession there is no hope of Salvation (**Acts 8:37-38**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Repentance has been taught since the beginning.

1. From the sin of Adam & Eve to today repentance has been a part of God's plan for redeeming man.

2. Without repentance man will perish (**Lk 13:3,5**)

B. Confession removes the coward.

1. Only the cowardly refuse to confess Christ as the Son of God.

2. Only the cowardly refuse to confess Christ as the Savior of mankind who died on the cross for the world.

3. Only the cowardly refuse to confession Christ rose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and now sits at the right hand of God.

4. It is the cowardly who, among others, will face the 2<sup>nd</sup> death (**Rev 21:8**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. Be humble to the point of godly sorrow that will bring about true repentance.
2. Do not be the coward who is unwilling to confess Christ.
3. Be the humble & honest person who repents and confesses Christ so that you can continue down the path of becoming a faithful Christian.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9