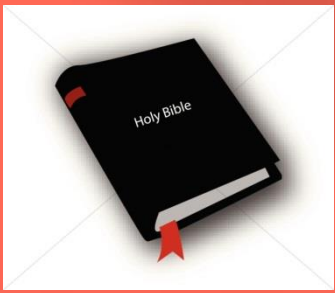


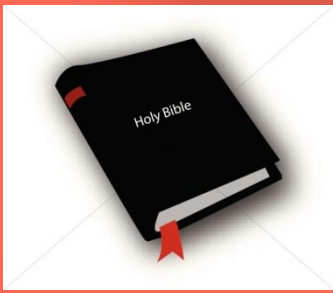
# DECORATION OR DIRECTION



# In A World Of Chaos Spirit Empowered People Know The Importance Of Where The Stand: Rock Or Sand!

- Not on public opinion.
- Not on what is politically correct.
- Not on emotions.
- Not on compromise.

*But on the Bible and the truth that  
lies within!*

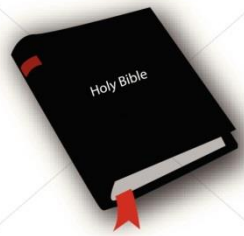


# The Preconceived Basis Of The Christian Life .

- First pray to receive Christ.
- Second be scripturally baptized.
- Third join the church.

James 2:18–19 (NASB95)

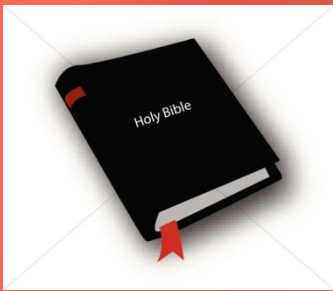
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## Profess Or Confess


### Difference between profess and confess

As verbs the **difference between profess and confess**. is that **profess** is to administer the vows of a religious order to (someone); to admit to a religious order while **confess** is to admit to the truth, particularly in the context of sins or crimes committed.



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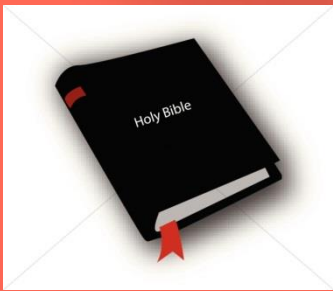
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We all struggle and the Book called the Bible that most everyone has needs to be considered as a book for decoration or a book for direction!

*Profess/Confess/W/O Works/With Works*

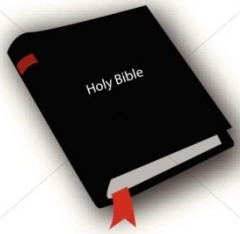




# We Can Never Be Satisfied Where We Are!

- Satisfaction breeds complacency.
- No matter the demonstration of God's power.
- No matter the overflowing anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- We need to understand that we are always 1 step short of His glory.
- Each day we should strive to be better and do better than the day before.

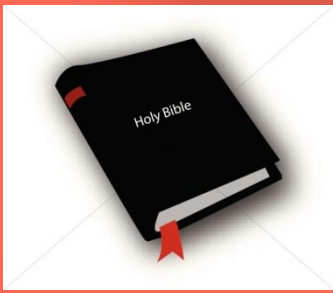
# What Is The Bible



Hebrews 4:12 (NASB95)

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

*The Bible is a road map, provides answers, provides life, it actually speaks to the reader, and it's power to the one that opens it!*

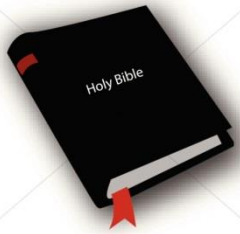


# When You Open The Pages Of The Bible It Is Alive!

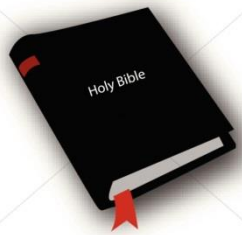
- Adams mistakes provide us direction & hope.
- David & the five stones provides us examples how to overcome.
- Jonah shows us the problems of disobedience.
- Solomon shows us that if we ask for wisdom we can receive it.
- Jesus shows us what can be done thru the Words of God.
- The Bible speaks to all who will listen.



# Here Is What The Bible Can't Do!

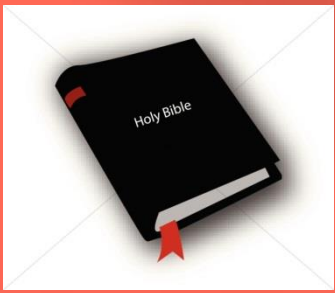


- The Bible can't provide direction if we are not will to follow.
- The Bible can't make us overcomers if we are not willing to pick up the five stones.
- The Bible can't change our situation if we stay disobedient.
- The Bible can't provide wisdom if it is never opened or asked for.
- The Bible can't change the lives of others if we are not willing to do what it tells us to do.



# It Is Easy To Read The Black & White But It Is difficult to Navigate Thru The Human Nature of Gray!

- We must have a standard outside ourselves.
- We do what the apostles did because we want what they found.
- Spirit Empowered people live within the pages of the Bible.
- It is within the pages of the bible that we can find life at its highest level.



The Bible Is Not A Book That Is  
Placed On A Table Only To collect  
Dust: The Bible Is Alive And  
Provides Life To It's Reader!

**When I seek direction the Bible speaks to me.**

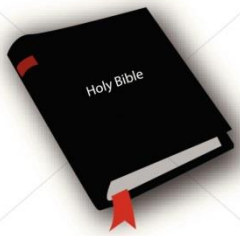
Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

**When I can't speak the Holy Spirit speaks for**

**me.** Romans 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;

**When I am afraid the Bible speaks to me.**

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?



# As A Christian How Can We Live These Words?

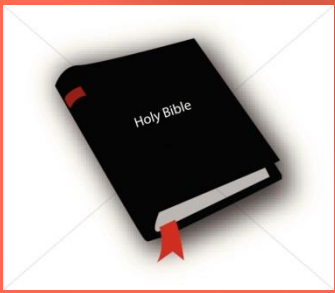
John 14:15 (NASB95)

15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Matthew 22:37 (NASB95)

37 And He said to him, “ ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’

*God Is Too Big To Hug!*



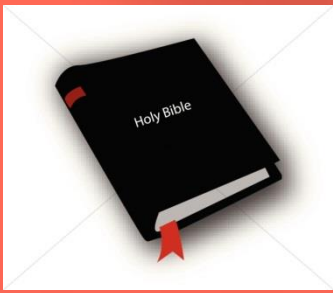
Romans 7:14–25 (NASB95)

*The Conflict of Two Natures*

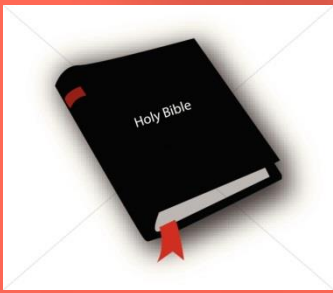
14 For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

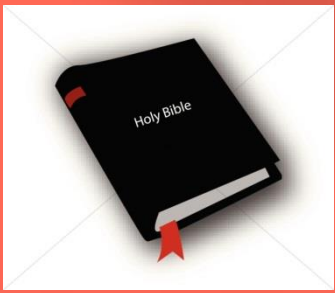




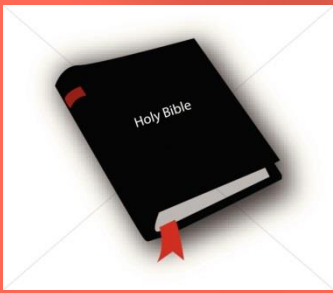
16 But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good. 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not.



19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. 20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. 21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.



22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.



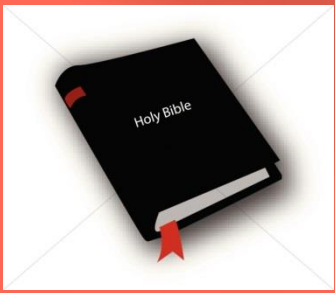
24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

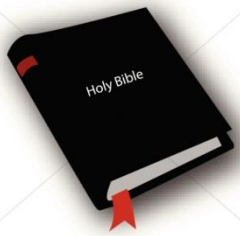


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