

The Great Confession Part 1

Hebrews 10:16-25

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I **remember*** no more. 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

***Remember**, Gr. mnaomai (m-nah'-o - my) - To bear in mind, to recollect, to be mindful

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Profession, Gr. homologia (hom-ol-og-ee'-ah) -

homou (hom-oo') - persons assembled together of the very same kind

logos- words, sayings, that which is written

homologia- to speak in harmony (same thing)

To define this as 'to speak the same thing' is really inadequate to properly define homologia.

When you read a book, if you agree with the premise of the writer's thoughts on paper, you will begin to adopt them as your own convictions and this will change how you think, which will change what you say; because what you say comes from your heart.

Matthew 12:34-37

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.** 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

So, logos is more than just written words. -- Who is the Father's Words?

- Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.
- John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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So, you could translate Vs. 23 as...

“Let us come into agreement with God and then begin to speak what He says, holding tightly to what we confess and refusing to let anyone take it from us.”

Now, what do we confess? — our faith

Faith, here is *elpís* (el-peice')

AV (54) - hope 53, faith 1

— expectation of evil, fear

— expectation of good, hope

— confident expectation (of eternal salvation)

Romans 4:13-22 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: 15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 -- He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

- Romans 5:2-5 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
- Romans 8:24-25 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.
- Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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Wavering, Gr. aklinés (ak-lee-nace') - not leaning, firm, unmoved; a picture of something that does not bend or something that is fixed and unmoving and therefore is stable and enduring.

Remove the 'a' and the Gr. klinés which describes a person who is bowed down; with their shoulders sloped and their body bent over, this person is so tired and defeated, that they can barely stand up; ultimately, they throw in the towel and give up.

Why, they didn't 'hold fast'?

katá (kat-ah') - something that comes downward. It carries the force of something that comes down so hard and so heavily, it is empowering and dominating to the point of being taken control of by conquest.

echō (ekh'-o) — means 'I have' and carries the notion of possession. It is a picture of someone who has searched for something his whole life and now that he has found it, this object of his dreams, he embraces it so tightly as to never let it go.

So, echō, simply means to embrace something tightly; but with katá, it describes someone who has found the object of his dreams and then forcibly holds it down — taking control of it, dominating it — even sitting on it so it doesn't slip away.