

# CONFESSION OF FAITH FOR YEAR 2021

## MY YEAR OF CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

**“I will not be defiled in the way; I will walk in the law of the Lord. I will keep His testimonies and seek Him with my whole heart.” – Psalm 119: 1, 2.**

In “life’s walk” as in “games plan,” there is a notion of what is fair and what is foul. And, whether in an enterprise or in a sport, we are in competition in which we don’t like to lose. However, we all agree that integrity and honesty should control the atmosphere. Yet, not everyone keeps to the rule of fairness. We can foul on ourselves or on others and when there is violation of either, there is defilement. We honour God when we practice what is fair and true. A person who has integrity has the security of a quiet life unlike the one who perverts the ways. No doubt, most of us have experienced varying degrees of pain and suffering due to evil perpetrated by others. Let us consider Mark 7:14-23. Jesus essentially requests that we do things God’s way; things that honour God. We must not live to confirm Isaiah 29:13 – “People draw near with their lips while their hearts are far from me.” **Walking** is one thing, **talking** is another! How often do we foul in what we talk or say! We must be mindful of our utterances. Sometimes, we may not say it but we exercise it because it is already in our hearts. As we advance in age, we sometimes assume that we have freedom to exercise prerogatives and discretions. We are not to use our freedom as an opportunity of the flesh but through love and fear of God serve one another – Galatians 5:13. Walking, however, is an action, it is a concept to indicate interaction with another and making progress towards a destination. To have a blessed walk in line with God’s approval, the injunction according to Psalm 1 is instructive. Since Amos 3:3 says that two cannot walk

together unless they agree and whosoever is a Christian must cultivate a walk, a talk, and an action which are in agreement to the dictates of God. In our contemporary time, we have several issues that could provoke defilement of the way, and we ought to wait for God's intervention instead of running ahead of Him. The one who practices integrity will be given guidance and clear direction - Proverbs 11:3. These days when situation like pandemic has thrown majority into a panic-mode and people are scampering on whatever goes, in order to eke a living, obeying God and trusting Him should be the essence. If we do, God will surely show up for us in whatever circumstance. But being on "the way" is important. We are talking of the way that leads to a better country. In this earthly pilgrimage, life seems completely unfair and out of control, and the only place to look for comfort is heaven. That is where the answer to all of life's sufferings can be found. Remember, Christians are citizens of heaven where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. Are you eagerly waiting for Him to return as your Saviour? In all of life's uncertainty and confusion, we need to remember to confess our faith – **I will not be defiled in the way; I will walk in the law of the Lord, I will keep His testimonies and seek Him with my whole heart.** Therefore, make sure you not only confess it, profess it in all your daily walk and, it shall be well with you. I therefore, in the name of Jesus, pronounce the blessing of God upon you and your entire household. With a closer walk with God, none will miss the way.

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