

What constitutes Christian *confession* is one question; what constitutes Christian *witness*, another.

Whereas Christian confession is constituted explicitly as such by a *statement of belief*, Christian witness is constituted explicitly as such by *an assertion of truth*—or, really, two such assertions: (1) the properly christological assertion that Jesus is the one through whom God acts decisively to judge and to save; and (2) the properly theological assertion that God is the One who acts decisively to judge and to save through Jesus.

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