

False Confidence

THEMES FROM PHILIPPIANS



“I had it up in my kitchen window. I had a watering plan for it, if someone else tried to water my succulent I would get so defensive because I just wanted to keep good care of it...”



“Today I decided it was time to transplant; I found the cutest vase that suited it perfectly. I go to pull it from the original plastic container it was purchased with to learn this plant was **FAKE**”
- Caelie Wilkes

Where is your confidence?

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a **safeguard** for you.

Philippians 3:1

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Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers,
those mutilators of the flesh.

Philippians 3:2

"The greatest enemy to human souls is the self-righteous spirit
which makes men look to themselves for salvation."
- Charles Spurgeon

For it is we who are the circumcision,
we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and
who **put no confidence in the flesh.**

Philippians 3:3

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you:

Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

Galatians 3:1-3

When you think about your relationship with God,
what gives you confidence?

though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Philippians 3:4-6

Inherited Confidence:

Circumcised on the eighth day
Of the people of Israel
Of the tribe of Benjamin
A Hebrew of Hebrews

I had the right family
The right heritage
The right background
The right religious identity

Earned confidence

As to the law, a Pharisee

As to zeal, persecuting the church

As to righteousness under the law,
blameless

Discipline/Morality

Religious performance

Right Reputation

Better than most people

Confidence doesn't come from what we achieve for Christ, but from what Christ has accomplished for us.

what does your heart actually lean on when you feel unworthy,
or when you feel proud, or when you compare yourself to
others?

I consider **everything a loss** because of the surpassing worth of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, **not having a righteousness of my own** that comes from the law, but that which is through faith **in Christ**—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Philippians 3:7-9

our gospel came to you not simply with words but also **with power, with the Holy Spirit** and deep conviction.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

but **with the help of our God** we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.

1 Thessalonians 2:2

know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but
by faith **in Jesus Christ**.

Galatians 2:16

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but **Christ lives in me**. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing

Galatians 2:20-21

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence **comes from God.**

2 Corinthians 3:5

But he said to me, “**My grace** is sufficient for you, for **my power** is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:1

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? **It is God who justifies.** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,

neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is **in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 8:31-35; 38-39

But whatever were gains to me I now **consider loss for the sake of Christ**. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Philippians 3:7–9

Where is your confidence really resting?

What are you counting on... to stand before God?

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Philippians 3:3

