



Confident Christian Living #6 | A Confident Heart

1 John 3:18-24 | 07/02/2023

Introduction: On one occasion as the Lord prepared for the crucifixion and ascension, he told his disciples, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.”*

Christ has provided peace for a confident, enjoyable Christian life.

Our assurance or “confidence in heart” as Christians depends upon...

1. Our relationship and obedience to God
2. Our relationship with others

A believer’s relationship with someone else could affect his relationship with God.

I. Obedient Christians Have Confidence in a _____ God

A. God is greater than our _____ - vs 20

1. His _____ is greater

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Psalm 103:2-3 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,*

2. His _____ is greater - vs 20c

There is nothing you can surprise God with - He loved you knowing you were a sinner.

B. If our heart doesn't condemn us we have _____ - vs 21

II. Obedient Christians Have Confidence in the _____ of Prayer

Obedience toward God, and a clear conscience brings about a boldness in prayer. Hebrews 10:19 says, *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,*

A. _____ prayer - "whatever" - verse 22a

James 4:3 *You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

B. _____ to the prayer - vs 22

John 15:7 *If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

We should live our lives asking "Does this please Jesus?"

III. Obedient Christians Have Confidence in the _____ of the Holy Spirit - vss 23-24

The Holy Spirit bears witness in our hearts.

Before you will know the presence of the Holy Spirit you must:

A. _____ on the Son - Jesus Christ

Note: If you truly want the confidence of a relationship with God - believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:16-18 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

B. _____ the Holy Spirit - verse 24c

Romans 8:9 *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

A Christian realizes confident Christian living because of the fact found in the last part of 1 John 4:4 *...for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

Conclusion: If you have never been saved, your heart may be convicting you to become a Christian. If you are saved - there is confidence in:

Our Powerful God ~ The Power of Prayer ~ The Person of the Holy Spirit