

## Confidence - cont.

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be daily fixed, secure, stable, and confident. Confidence blesses the Christian in three ways:

First, confidence about the past – forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 10:22). Second, confidence about the present – hope (Hebrews 6:18) and answered prayer (1 John 5:14-15). Third, confidence about the future – a reward in heaven (1 Corinthians 5:1).

### Confident That You Are Saved

How can the Christian have confidence that he/she is saved? The book of First John is a good place to go to answer this question. John writes that if a Christian walks in the light (1:5-7), confesses sins (1:8-2:2), keeps Jesus' commandments (2:3-6), loves the brethren (3:14-15; 4:11-13; 5:2), does not love the world (2:15-17; 5:4-5), confesses Christ each day (2:18ff; 4:1-3, 15-17; 5:13), practices righteousness (3:4-10), has a pure conscience (3:18-22), let's the Holy Spirit's word dwell in them (3:24; 4:13), and, listens to the Apostles (1 Jn. 4:4-6), that Christian can be confident.

Christian, hold on to your confidence firm unto the end of life and never cast it away! - *Chris Reeves*

## - Scripture of the Week -

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*"And these shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life"*  
- *Matthew 25:26* -

Jesus said that there is going to be two eternal destinies only - eternal punishment (hell) and eternal life (heaven). There will not be more than two, or less than two. So, to which place are you headed today?

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Christian Confidence

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*for we are become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end - Hebrews 3:14 -*

One thing that is greatly needed today in our ever-changing world is confidence. The Christian needs a strong sense of security, boldness, and confidence that he/she is doing what is right in the sight of God and that he/she knows the truth.

A Christian needs to be very careful in today's world. The confidence of a Christian can actually be "cast away" (Hebrews 10:35). A Christian can slowly lose his/her confidence in all that is good, right, and true. Instead of trust, reliance, certainty, assurance, and security, a Christian starts having weariness, doubt, wickedness, and restlessness (Isaiah 57:20-21).

## Confidence Possibilities

When it comes to having confidence, there are a few possibilities. *Some people have...*

- No confidence. These people are not in a right relationship with God and so they have no hope of being saved (Ephesians 2:12).

- False confidence. These people are religious and they talk right about Jesus, but they are not doing what Jesus says so they are going to be lost (Matthew 7:21-23).
- Little confidence. These people are overwhelmed by the stresses and strains of life and they lose sight of Jesus and start "sinking" in the worldly problems around them (Matthew 14:31).
- Genuine confidence. These people are right with God through Jesus Christ and are living the faithful Christian life each day (Hebrews 10:22).

## Confidence Properly Grounded

To be confident means to be grounded and stable. A person is confident when one is completely sure and certain about his/her standing before God. Any confidence, to be real, has to be properly grounded on the firm foundation of truth.

Our confidence is not to be placed in things like...

- The flesh or human accomplishments (Philippians 3:3-5).
- Self-righteous acts that we think we

need to do (Philippians 3:6-9).

- The subjective feelings we have within ourselves.
- The false doctrines of men that are not according to the truth of God's word (Calvinism, reincarnation, latter-day revelation, etc.)
- Attendance at a church service. (Note: While attendance is important, Hebrews 10:24-25, attendance alone is not enough.)

While our confidence should not be placed in these things, it should be placed in ...

- Our faith in Jesus and obedience to him (Ephesians 3:12).
- Christ's ability to guard our commitment to him (2 Timothy 1:12).
- Christ's promises of spiritual blessings now and in heaven in the judgment day (2 Peter 1:4).

## Confidence Brings Blessings

It is so important for the Christian to maintain confidence in an ever-changing world. The Christian needs to