



FRESH ENCOUNTER

CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

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"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: 7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. 8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6-8)

INTRODUCTION

- confidence in God's ability to work in your life
- Philippians believers very loved by Paul
- Paul also had his confidence in God's care of them

1. CONFIDENT IN CHRIST'S Work (v. 6)

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

- God's active work in Christian's life all the time

A. Assured in Christ's ability

God's
ability to
redeem
sinner

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be, in God." (1 Peter 1:18-21)

B. Assured in Christ's atonement
- Jewish sacrifice for sins
SALVATION - saved from sin
SANCTIFICATION - made clean

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

timeless

Quote: "Past, from sin's penalty, immediate, secured by Christ's death. Present, from sin's power, continuous by Christ's life. Future, from sin's presence, prospective at Christ's coming."

C. Assured in Christ's appearing
"I will come again," (Jn 14:3)

2. CONFIDENT IN GOD'S Purpose (v.7)

"And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia."
(1 Thessalonians 1:6-7)

A. Purpose of fellowship

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." (1 John 3:14)

B. Purpose of care

IN HIS IMPRISONMENT

"Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction." (Philippians 4:14)

- an encouraging word

