



## Cultivating Confidence with God

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“This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don’t condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. Now this is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps his commands remains in him, and he in him. And the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he has given us.”

### **Confidence with God is:**

#### **I. Repeatedly Assured by His Word**

Verse 19, 22 – This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ...we have confidence before God

Ephesians 3:12 (NIV)

Through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, ...Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,

## **II. Rapidly Eroded by our Hearts**

Verse 20 – “...whenever our hearts condemn us.”

## **III. Richly Restored by His Love**

Verse 20 - God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things.

- **God’s Grace is Greater than our Sin**
- **God Knows us Completely—and Loves us Fully**

*When Confidence Comes, we experience:*

- **Answered Prayer**

Verse 21, 22 – “...we have confidence before God and receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight.”

- **Ongoing Fellowship**

Verse 24 – “The one who keeps his commands remains in him, and he in him...”

- **Peaceful Assurance**

Verse 24 – “...And the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he has given us.”