

Be a confident Christian

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not be encumbered once more by a yoke of slavery.

²Take notice: I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³Again I testify to every man who gets himself circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by the law have been severed from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

⁵But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. All that matters is faith, expressed through love.

Galatians 5:1-6

My confidence is based on 5:1

What Christ has done
2 Corinthians 5:21

What I must do
Isaiah 7:9, 1Cor.15:58, Eph.6:4, James 5:8

What I must
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My confidence overcomes 5:2-4

Problem of being v2
Ephesians 4:13b-14

Problem of being v3
Luke 4:16, Hebrews 10:25, Gk: ethos

Problem of being v4
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My confidence enables 5:5-6

Confidence requires v5
Salvation past: Free from...
Salvation present: Free from...
Salvation future: Free from...

Confidence requires v6
Deuteronomy 7:9

Confidence requires v6
2 Timothy 1:13, 2 Thessalonians 1:3

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 5 Robert & Dianne
- M 6 Lurline & Terry. Hour of Power.
- T 7 Mary F
- W 8 Rosalie & Jim D. Deeper at Diggers.
- T 9 Ian & Eleanor
- F 10 Barry & Marion
- S 11 Marina G
- S 12 Jean H. Church Lunch, bring a plate.

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. List 4 words that describe your character. Is 'confident' one of those words?
2. Christ has set us free, v1. List 4 things from which we have all been set free; and 4 things for which we are now free.
3. We are to 'stand firm' v1. What are our firm foundations; and how can we have increasing stability?
4. What 'yoke of slavery' v1, could encumber Christians today; and how can it be avoided?
5. 'By faith, we eagerly await...' v5 What does your faith anticipate?
6. 'All that matters is faith' v6 is only half the story. How does the rest of the sentence make faith real?

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