

Confidence

Phil. 3:3-11



Characteristics of the Confident

- Have conviction
- Have a foundation
- Act boldly



Paul's Confidence

- Not in the Flesh – Phil. 3:3-6



Philippians 3:3-6 NKJV

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:



Philippians 3:3-6 NKJV

5 circumcised the eighth day,
of the stock of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of the Hebrews;
concerning the law, a Pharisee;
6 concerning zeal, persecuting the
church;
concerning the righteousness which is in
the law, blameless.



Acts 22:1-5 NKJV

"Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now." 2
And when they heard that he spoke to them in the
Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent. Then he
said: 3 "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but
brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught
according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was
zealous toward God as you all are today. 4 I
persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering
into prisons both men and women, 5 as also the high
priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders,
from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and
went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who
were there to Jerusalem to be punished.



Paul's Confidence

- Not in the Flesh – Phil. 3:3-6
- But in Christ – Phil. 3:7-11



Philippians 3:7-11 NKJV

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



Philippians 3:7-11 NKJV

that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him,

not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

10 that I may know Him

and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



False Sources of Confidence

- This World
 - Riches
 - Intelligence
 - Education
 - Physical Strength
 - Position
 - Connections



False Sources of Confidence

- This World

- Riches
- Intelligence
- Education
- Physical Strength
- Position
- Connections

- Spiritual Matters

- Our goodness – Phil. 3:9
- Our superiority over others – 2 Cor. 10:12
- Our knowledge of truth – Rom. 2:17-21
- Agreement with others – Rom. 3:4
- Another gospel – Gal. 1:6-9



Characteristics of the Confident

- Have conviction – Phil. 3:3-4



Characteristics of the Confident

- Have conviction – Phil. 3:3-4
- Have a foundation - Heb. 3:14; Heb. 11:1



Hebrews 3:14 NKJV

For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our **confidence** steadfast to the end,



Hebrews 11:1 NKJV

Now faith is **the substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



Characteristics of the Confident

- Have conviction – Phil. 3:3-4
- Have a foundation - Heb. 3:14; Heb. 11:1
- Act boldly
 - Toward others - Acts 28:31



Acts 28:30-31 NKJV

Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all **confidence**, no one forbidding him.



Characteristics of the Confident

- Have conviction – Phil. 3:3-4
- Have a foundation - Heb. 3:14; Heb. 11:1
- Act boldly
 - Toward others - Acts 28:31
 - Toward God - 1 Jn. 3:21; 1 Jn. 5:14; Eph. 3:12



1 John 3:21 NKJV

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us,
we have **confidence** toward God.



1 John 5:14 NKJV

Now this is the **confidence** that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.



Ephesians 3:11-12 NKJV

according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have **boldness** and access with **confidence** through faith in Him.



Characteristics of the Confident

- Have conviction – Phil. 3:3-4
- Have a foundation - Heb. 3:14; Heb. 11:1
- Act boldly
 - Toward others - Acts 28:31
 - Toward God - 1 Jn. 3:21; 1 Jn. 5:14; Eph. 3:12
 - When Christ returns - 1 Jn. 2:28



1 John 2:28 NKJV

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have **confidence** and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.



Characteristics of the Confident

- Have conviction – Phil. 3:3-4
- Have a foundation - Heb. 3:14; Heb. 11:1
- Act boldly
 - Toward others - Acts 28:31
 - Toward God - 1 Jn. 3:21; 1 Jn. 5:14; Eph. 3:12
 - When Christ returns - 1 Jn. 2:28



Our Confidence

- In the Flesh? Like Saul of Tarsus



Acts 22:6-10 NKJV

"Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' 8 So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.' 9 "And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. 10 So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.'



Our Confidence

- In the Flesh? Like Saul of Tarsus
- Or in Christ? Like Paul the Apostle



Acts 22:16 NKJV

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

