

THE AUDITORIUM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 1:6)

Introduction: Faith in God gives the Christian a special kind of confidence that would not exist otherwise.

- I. Confidence in God reveals itself in boldness.
 - A. In the Old Testament, Solomon spoke of boldness being a characteristic of the righteous man. (Proverbs 28:1)
 - B. Our Lord Jesus Christ was bold in the eyes of other people. (John 7:25-26)
 - C. “If you can’t be bold, act bold – the results will be the same.”
- II. Christian confidence is centered on the great work of salvation.
 - A. Jesus started a work in us when we trusted Him as Savior.
 1. It is a work of God’s grace. (Ephesians 2:8)
 2. It is a work that produces good works in us. (Ephesians 2:10)
 3. It is a work of reconciliation with God. (Ephesians 2:16)
 - B. Paul is confident that God’s grace will work in his life.
 1. Personal failure cannot destroy God’s grace in your life.
 2. God will work thru your failures if you acknowledge Him.
- III. Paul is confident in a hopeless situation.
 - A. Paul knows that he is about to die.
 - B. He knows that he didn’t start this work – God did.
 - C. He knows this work is “in you.”
 1. Salvation does not merely make us a little better than we were before.
 2. Salvation changes us from the inside out.
 - D. The word “perform” suggests that we are God’s theater, and the world is watching us.
 - E. “until the day of Jesus Christ.”

1. Not the days of our death, but the day of Jesus Christ.
2. God finishes what He begins.

Conclusion: We have Great Confidence in a Great God to do Great Things in His name.