

Reclaim Confidence

THEREFORE DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE, WHICH HAS A GREAT REWARD.

HEBREWS 10:35

Point #1

Reclaim confidence
in the power of
The Gospel

The Gospel

- Romans 1:16- “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”
- 1 Timothy 1:8- “Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord...”

The Gospel

1. The Gospel transforms lives

- Romans 1:17- For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:17- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

The Gospel

2. The Gospel is meant to be shared by all Christians

- Mark 13:10- “And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.”
- Luke 9:6- “...preaching the gospel... everywhere.”
- Romans 1:15- “I am eager to preach the gospel...”
- Romans 15:20- “I make it my ambition to preach the gospel...”
- Acts 14:7- “...they continued to preach the gospel...”
- Acts 28:31- “...preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.”

The Gospel

2 Timothy 4:1-2,5

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.... As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

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Point #2

*Reclaim confidence
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Separation*

Separation

1. Christians are supposed to be different from the world.
 - 2 Corinthians 6:11-18- "...Come out from among them and be separate..."
 - Ephesians 1:4- "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."
 - 1 Timothy 1:9- "...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."
 - 1 Peter 1:15-16"- ...but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'"

Separation

2. People will see your different lifestyle and get saved.

- 1 Peter 2:12- “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”
- Romans 12:2- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Point #2

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Point #3

Reclaim confidence
in developing your
spiritual gifts

Spiritual Gifts

1. God has given you unique spiritual gifts to use.
 - Ephesians 4:8- Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”
 - 1 Corinthians 12:1- Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.
 - 1 Corinthians 12:4- Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit
 - Romans 12:6- Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them
 - Romans 11:29- For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Spiritual Gifts

2. You affect the church.

- 1 Corinthians 14:12- So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.
- Ephesians 4:11-13- “And he gave... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

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Point #4

Reclaim confidence

in our

Local Church

The Church

1. The Church is God's primary witness today.
 - Where Christ is in charge
 - Colossians 1:18- "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."
 - Where the truth is revealed
 - Ephesians 3:10- "...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church..."
 - Where God puts is redeemed
 - Acts 20:28- "...the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."
 - Where God is most glorified
 - Ephesians 3:21- "...to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

The Church

2. We need to be excited about the universal church AND our local church!

- Acts 2:46-47- “So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

The Church

What are some reasons to lose confidence in our Church?

- Less people coming
- Shallow or misunderstood teaching
- Uncommitted members
- Failed programs
- Poor leadership
- Fleshly mindset

1 Corinthians 11:18- “For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.”

The Church

How can you and I be an agent for change to reclaim confidence in our church when discouragement sets in?

- **Reclaim confidence in the Gospel:** Preach the Gospel to ourselves and to the unsaved in our lives.
- **Reclaim confidence in Separation:** Own our convictions and even our oddities (as long as they are biblical) and celebrate them.
- **Reclaim confidence in Spiritual Gifts:** Each of us do our part to promote love, unity and growth in the body.

2 Corinthians 13:11- “Finally, brethren... Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

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We are all called to live confidently in Christ!

- Hebrews 13:12-14- “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original **confidence** firm to the end.”
- 2 Thessalonians 3:4- “And we have **confidence** in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you.”
- Philemon 1:21- “Having **confidence** in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.”

Reclaim Confidence
in God's work today!

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