

## CONFIDENCE OF HEAVEN

### 2 PETER 1:10

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Exemplified with Adam and Eve, Noah, and Abraham, when God makes a promise, He keeps it. (Gen. 2.17; 9.11; Josh. 21.45)
2. God, who says He will do something and does it (Num. 23.19), promises eternal life to those in Christ. (Titus 1.2).

#### I. CONFIDENCE FROM SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- A. Conversion. (2 Pet. 1.1-4)
  1. The preciousness of our faith. (2 Pet. 1.1)
  2. The power of the gospel. (2 Pet. 1.3)
  3. The promises of God. (2 Pet. 1.4)
  4. The partaking of the nature of God. (2 Pet. 1.4)
- B. Characteristics. (2 Pet. 1.5-7)
  1. **1 PETER 1.5:** *“But also for this very reason”*
  2. **1 PETER 1.5:** *“giving all diligence.”* Spoude: Urgency.
  3. **1 PETER 1.5-7:** *“add to your faith”* Spiritual growth.
- C. Confidence. (2 Peter 1.8-11)
  1. **2 PETER 1.8,9:** *“if these things are yours.”*
  2. **2 PETER 1.10:** *“make your call and election sure.”*
  3. **2 PETER 1.11:** *“an entrance will be supplied abundantly”*
  4. Why did Peter write these things? (2 Pet. 1.12-15)

#### II. HOW TO ENCOURAGE CONFIDENCE IN OTHERS

- A. Do not dominate the faith other your brethren.
  1. **2 CORINTHIANS 1.24:** *“Not that we have dominion over your faith”* (cf. Rom. 14.1)
  2. Instead, be *“fellow workers for your joy”* (2 Cor. 1.24)
  3. Our responsibility is to build confidence. (Acts 20.20)
- B. Help others believe in Jesus.
  1. **1 JOHN 5.13:** *“you may know that you have eternal life”*
  2. To have that confidence, John wrote *“that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”*

**CONCLUSION:** Are you certain of your eternal future?

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*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”*  
-Mark 16.15

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#### MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

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### PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR LYING

I didn't really mean to lie, but I realize that I have not only lied to man but to God. In searching for an excuse to justify my indifference, I lied.

I lied about being sick on Sunday morning, for I went to the movies on Sunday afternoon. I lied about my work keeping me tied down, for I go to everything I want to go to except church services. I lied about not being able to leave my sick family, for I leave them for hours each day to work and many other times to do needless and unimportant things. I lied about my contribution, for I spend ten times as much for pleasure as I give to God. I lied when I said I couldn't leave home on Wednesday night, for I attended a civic meeting on Thursday night. I lied when I said "no one would speak to me at church," for I spoke to no one, and I left the building just as fast as I could. I lied when I blamed my absence on my children; for they do not keep me from attending anything else I desire.

I lied: forgive me for the sin of lying; for I know that all liars shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone (Rev. 21.8). I know that I lied when I used other excuses. I just did not want to go to worship, and if I had really wanted to go, I would have been there.

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### ROMANS 8:1

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. The older we get, the more anxious we are to know if we are going to heaven. Can we know? (Rom. 13.11)
2. Paul, Peter, and John were all confident of where they would spend eternity. (2 Tim. 4.6-8; 2 Pet. 1.10; 1 John 2.28)
3. You can have confidence of your home in heaven.

#### I. ESTABLISHING THE CONTEXT

- A. The beginning of the chapter gives us confidence.
  1. **ROMANS 8.1:** *“There is therefore now no condemnation.”* This encourages a contextual study.
  2. If I am in Christ, and I live a sanctified life, there is *“now no condemnation”* (Rom. 8.1). Confidence!
- B. The end of the chapter gives us confidence.
  1. **ROMANS 8.31:** *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”* God is for us!
  2. **ROMANS 8.33:** *“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.”* God justifies!
  3. **ROMANS 8.34:** *“It is Christ who died... who also makes intercession for us.”* Christ intercedes!

#### II. THE THINGS THAT INSTILL CONFIDENCE

- A. There are things that contribute to our having confidence.
  1. **ROMANS 8.28:** *“all things work together for good”*
  2. **ROMANS 8.31:** *“What then shall we say to these things?”*
  3. **ROMANS 8.32:** *“freely give us all things?”*
  4. **ROMANS 8.37:** *“Yet in all these things”*
- B. What are all these things that give us confidence?
  1. The Holy Spirit gives us confidence through *“the law of the Spirit.”* (Rom. 8.2; cf. Gal. 6.2; James 2.12)
  2. The Holy Spirit gives us confidence by helping us develop a spiritual mindset. (Rom. 8.6). But how?
  3. The Holy Spirit gives us confidence by dwelling in us. (Rom. 8.9-11). But how?
  4. The Holy Spirit give us confidence by giving us direction. (Rom. 8.14-17; cf. Gal. 5.18). But how?

**CONCLUSION:** If I live by the teaching of the Bible, I can have the confidence of knowing that heaven is in my future.

## THE REBELLION OF KORAH

The gospel is a good news message. It is good news to know that sin and death have a solution. It is good news to know that the day of Judgment does not have to be a day of fear and dread. But the gospel is also a message of warning. To the Colossians, Paul preached the gospel. Included in that good news message was a warning. *“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”* (Col. 1.28).

The book of Jude is such a book. It is a book warning the brethren about those who have *“crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men”* (Jude 4). As you read through this short letter, these men are identified and described. Then in verse 11, these men are compared to three Old Testament figures. Jude writes that *“they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.”*

What did the Holy Spirit have in mind when He described them as having *“perished in the rebellion of Korah.”* If you go back to Numbers 16, you will read about Korah leading a group of two hundred and fifty prominent leaders of Levi (Num. 16.2,8). They came to Moses and Korah criticized Moses for making himself the leader of Israel. They asked him, *“Why do you exalt yourself above the assembly of the Lord?”* (Num. 16.3).

They are described as having *“gathered together against the Lord”* (Num. 16.11). The congregation is described as following *“one man’s sin”* referring to Korah (Num. 16.22). They are *“wicked men”* (Num. 16.25). They have *“rejected the Lord”* (Num. 16.30). And God dealt with them by opening up the earth causing Korah and his followers go down *“alive into the pit”* (Num. 16.31-34). Those who did not get swallowed up by the earth were destroyed by fire (Num. 16.35).

Like Korah, those who crept into the church had rebelled against the Lord and His teachings. As a result, they had spiritually perished. These were people who were not right with God because they allowed the ways of the world into their lives. In like manner, we are warned about the dangers of allowing teachings contrary to scripture to infiltrate the church. To do so is to rebel against God and spiritual perish (Acts 20.29-31). The solution? Let the word of God dwell in your heart (Ps. 119.11; John 8.31,32). CLP