

5-MINUTE DEVOTIONAL

How to Live as Confident Christians in Our Prayer Life

"THEREFORE, BROTHERS, SINCE WE HAVE CONFIDENCE TO ENTER THE HOLY PLACES BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, BY THE NEW AND LIVING WAY THAT HE OPENED FOR US THROUGH THE CURTAIN, THAT IS, THROUGH HIS FLESH, AND SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD, LET US DRAW NEAR WITH A TRUE HEART IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH, WITH OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED CLEAN FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE AND OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER. LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL."

HEBREWS 10:19-22

1. The Blood of _____ (...since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus...) Jesus' death on the cross did more than pay for our sins. It did even more than allow us to enter heaven. It did more than allow us eternal life. It did MORE! It allows us to pray with *confidence*. The curtain which separate us from a Holy God is torn in two! We can pray with confidence because Jesus' blood grants us access!

The Priesthood of _____ (...since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...) If you read Hebrews you will see a beautiful picture of Jesus' priesthood. It begins in Hebrews 4:14-5:14 and continues in Hebrews 7:1-8:13. Jesus is our High Priest, the perfect High Priest. We see He is perfect in that He doesn't need to ask forgiveness for Himself first. He is also eternal, always interceding before the Father for us. No matter the hour of need, we can pray.

The Faithfulness of _____ (...since he who promised is faithful...) We don't have to wonder if our mistake keep us from praying to God. They don't. Christ paid the price for our sin, but Jesus is also faithful to keep on forgiving us when we sin again.

We can be assured not only of our salvation, but of Jesus' intercession for us. We believe a promise when we believe the person who promised it. God is Faithful, so we know what He promises is true!

1. WHY DO YOU HESITATE TO PRAY TO GOD? IS IT A SIN IN YOUR LIFE? CONFESS IT!

2. HOW CAN YOU APPROACH GOD'S THRONE WITH MORE BOLDNESS?

3. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONFIDENCE AND ARROGANCE?

4. HOW CAN YOU PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE?
