

# SPIRITUAL BOLDNESS IN CHRIST

Christians are exhorted not to allow themselves to be tossed about by every wind of doctrine but to grow up and speak the truth in love (cf. Ephesians 4:14, 15). Faith involves conviction and assurance, even in the midst of life's struggles. God is looking for spiritual confidence - a bold faith in His children. In the Lamb of God, who has overcome, therein is boldness.

Thus, Christians are called upon to pray with boldness knowing God hears. *"...we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight....This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* (1 John 3:21-22; 5:14). Prayer is a demonstration of firm belief in divine assurances. When we are keeping God's commandments, we should be bold with our reverent and humble requests. It is spiritually appropriate for all doing God's will and praying according to His will to be frank and unhesitant in their petitions and supplications. He richly supplies His obedient children with what they need.

Judgment is coming. All men will be judged (cf. Acts 17:31; 1 Corinthians 5:10). Accountability to our Creator is a fearful matter. The outpouring of God's wrath against sin is not a trifling thing. *"It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."* (Hebrews 10:31) Jesus came to deliver us from the wages of sin. *"...having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him"* (Romans 5:9). All who are abiding in the Lord should long expectantly for the joyful reward of our Savior's judgment. *"Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming."* (1 John 2:28) *"...the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment;"* (1 John 4:16, 17). If we are sowing to the Spirit, we ought to possess a bold love for the promise of our righteous Judge's appearance.