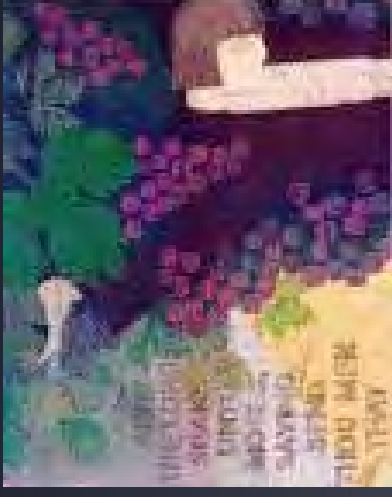


# CONFIDENCE AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR LIVES



Wilderness Wandering



Promised Land

# Definition of Confidence

- \* According to Webster Dictionary: Confidence is
  - \* Faith & trust.
  - \* Assurance, state of being certain.
- \* According to Baker Theological Dictionary Confidence is
  - \* Faith & trust in God.
  - \* Certainty and assurance of one's relationship with God.
  - \* A sense of boldness that is dependent on a realization of one's acceptance by God.

# Postmodern & Neo-pagan World

Postmodernism: A critical study of modern society and literally writings.

Neo-paganism: An “umbrella” term used to cover a variety of modern religious movements.

Out of these, came Postmodern philosophy such as:

Relativism, nihilism, naturalism, etc.

and Neo-pagan religious belief such as:

Atheism, Animism, Pantheism, New Age Spirituality, etc.

# A Lost World

Is it any wonder that people today are confused and lost?

Is it any wonder that the world is becoming increasingly dark and evil?

Is it any wonder that Christians are seen as “odd balls”?

Is it any wonder that churches in Europe and US are empty?

“But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud.” Isa. 57:20



# Which Way Should We Go?

- \* “<sup>60</sup>This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?”
  - \* “<sup>66</sup>As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore.” John 6:60, 66
- or
- \* “<sup>68</sup>Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.”
  - \* “<sup>69</sup>And we have believed and come to know that You are the Holy One of God.” John 6:68-69

PROCEED WITH CONFIDENCE



# Who Is With Us?

\* "4Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

Our Almighty God is faithful to the end

# Who Are We?

- \* **"4Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him."**
- \* **"5In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will." Eph. 1:4-5 (NAS)**

We are the object of God's love

# Where Do We Belong?

## Our Destiny

### God's Eternal Purpose: "Hidden Mystery" Now Revealed

\* <sup>5</sup>which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Eph 3: 5-6

God's New Creation: The Church of Christ  
A Kingdom of the Saved

# What Is In It For Us?

## It Is God's Promise

- \* “And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” Gen. 22:18
- \* “And this is the promise which He Himself made to us; eternal life.” 1 John 2: 25

Salvation is for all nations – both  
Jews and Gentiles

# Received Through Faith In Christ

- \* “<sup>1</sup>Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” Rom. 8: 1-2 (NIV)
- \* “<sup>30</sup>What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but Israel, who pursue a law of righteousness, has not obtained it. <sup>32</sup>Why not? Because they pursue it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” Rom.9: 30-32 (NIV)

Inheritance of eternal life is based on God’s promise, not on Law of Righteousness.

Through faith in Jesus, we were made perfect

# Salvation Through Christ Is Assured

- \* “He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” 2 Cor. 1:22
- \* “<sup>13</sup>These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence which we have before (*towards*) Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”  
1 John 5: 13-14

Salvation is guaranteed but salvation also demands action

# Work of God

## What Deeds Then Must We Do?

\* “The work of God is this: to believe in the One He had sent.” John 6: 29 (NIV)

A living faith is always followed by action of  
obedience

# Summary

We Must Never Forget Who We Are

\* “I have revealed You to those whom You gave me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to me and they have obeyed Your word.” John 17: 6

We are God's gift to our Lord Jesus Christ

# Summary

## Our God Is Faithful To The End

\* “<sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.” John 6: 37-39

It is the will of God that we do not perish

# Proceed With Confidence & Joy

\* "26David son of Jesse was king over all Israel. 27He ruled over Israel forty years – seven in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. 28He died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor. His son Solomon succeeded him as king." 1 Ch. 26-28 (NIV)

Do not let a chequered life stumble you. Proceed  
with confidence in Christ