

RIGHTEOUS

Bold Faith

Foundation Statement: A sin consciousness will rob you of boldness, confidence, and faith

I. Hebrews 10:16-22-A consciousness of sin and guilt will keep you from fully assured faith

- A. If the sacrifices in the OT were sufficient the worshippers would be made perfect and have no more consciousness of sin
1. 2-One of the inadequacies of the blood of animals is it left the print of sin in the minds of men
 2. 4-It wasn't possible for those sacrifices to take away sin, removing the consciousness of it
 3. 1-12-Because of what happened in these verses our approach & mindset completely changes
 - a. 13-Jesus expects me to win so my approach and mindset is I expect to win anything less is unacceptable
 - b. 17-God's not going to remember your sin; He's not going to be mindful of it, remind Himself of it, therefore my approach is I'm not going to be mindful of sin or remind myself of it
 - c. 18-My approach and mindset is I have no sin and have never sinned
 - d. 19-My approach is a bold approach knowing God deals with me as though sin never existed in my life because in his eyes it hasn't
 - e. 22-My approach is one of full assurance of faith; Why wouldn't he love me, provide for me, bless me, talk to me, after all I am perfect and holy in His eyes?
 - f. 22-My approach is that I'm clean, holy, and pure
 - g. 23-My approach is that I hold fast to the confession of faith without wavering because through the blood I'm right with God and I have the same right to victory as Jesus
- B. 17-19-"Having THEREFORE brethren boldness" – Why can you be bold?
1. We have boldness because He remembers sin no more and sin has been remitted
 2. **Boldness**-Free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance
 3. There's a connection between boldness and righteousness
 - a. The greater revelation I have of my right-standing with God the bolder I'll become
 - b. A lack of consciousness of your right standing with God and too much consciousness of your sin will rob you of this boldness
 - c. Sin and sin-consciousness makes cowards of men
 - 1) The less conscious of your right-standing that you are, the more of a coward you become
 4. There's a connection between being fearless, being confident, being courageous, being assured and being conscious of your right-standing with God

- a. My boldness is connected to my righteousness; my confidence, my assurance, my fearlessness is connected to my right-standing with God
 - b. I'm confident because I'm right with Him; I'm bold because I'm right with Him; I'm assured because I'm right with Him
- C. 22-We can draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith because we have our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience or a sin consciousness
- 1. This evil conscience, this consciousness of sin will keep you from full assurance
 - a. If the enemy can keep you from full assurance he can keep you from receiving from God
 - b. The enemy wants to keep you preoccupied with past sin to keep you from full assurance
 - 2. There's a connection between full assurance of faith and having your heart sprinkled from an evil conscience; You can't have fully assured faith and be conscious of sin
- D. 23-I can hold fast to my confession of faith without wavering because I'm the righteousness of God

II. Isaiah 32:17-Righteousness and being conscious of your righteousness results in peace, quietness, and assurance

- A. Righteousness works to produce nothing missing and nothing broken in your life
- B. The effect of walking in your righteousness and being conscious of your righteousness is the state of cool, confident trust called quietness
- C. The effect of righteousness is complete and total assurance

III. Romans 1:17-Be conscious of your right-standing with God will arouse faith

- A. Righteousness springs from faith, but leads to more faith
 - 1. Being conscious of your right-standing with God will arouse faith, it'll provoke faith, produce faith
 - a. EX: "Well I'm just so unworthy. NO! You're the righteousness of God" --- "Well I just don't know if God wants me well. NO! You got a right to healing!"
 - 2. Being conscious of your sin will provoke and produce unbelief
- B. In the word of God the righteousness of God is revealed; The rights that I have as a believer and my right-standing with my Father is revealed through the word
 - 1. You can have no revelation of your righteousness without spending time in the word
 - 2. Faith comes by hearing the word because the word reveals your righteousness and as your righteousness is revealed faith will be provoked
- C. Watch righteousness arouse faith? If that's what He did for us when we weren't right with Him, how much more will He do now that we are right with Him-Romans 5:6-10
 - 1. Romans 5:6-10 (Msg)-*Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have know what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for,*

*and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him. **Now that we are set right with God** by means of this sacrificial death, the consummate blood sacrifice, there is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way. If, when we were at our worst, we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of his Son, now that we're at our best, just think of how our lives will expand and deepen by means of his resurrection life! Now that we have actually received this amazing friendship with God, we are no longer content to simply say it in plodding prose. We sing and shout our praises to God through Jesus the Messiah!*

IV. Righteous people who are conscious of their righteousness will be as bold as lions-Pr 28:1

- A. It's vital that you be bold/confident because lack of boldness/confidence will cost you your victory
 - 1. Hebrews 10:35-Your reward, your victory is attached to your boldness & confidence
 - 2. Psalm 78:9,41-Turning back, lack of boldness limits God
- B. Compromise or a lack of boldness keeps people from seeing the supernatural
 - 1. The thing that causes the word to come to pass is total reliance on it & a refusal to compromise
- C. If there's one attribute/characteristic of people who have the supernatural power of God working in their lives it's this: unwillingness to compromise birthed out of an revelation of their righteousness
 - 1. Daniel 3:14-18,25-With death staring them in the face, they knew that they were right with God and consequently they refused to compromise
 - 2. James 1:6-8-Double-minded men should not expect to receive anything from the Lord

V. The driving force behind great faith is a revelation and consciousness of a person's right-standing with God-Romans 4:2,3-13-25

- A. What drives a man to expect that God's word is going to come to pass when there's no human reason to expect that it's going to come to pass?---You know you are right with God and the right you have to see that word come to pass
 - 1. Abraham was able to stand in faith without wavering because the rights that he had through the covenant that God made with him were reality to him
- B. We always talk about how great Abraham's faith was, but that faith stemmed from his understanding of his right-standing with God
 - 1. If I'm right with God I don't have to talk about his willingness or wonder if He will do it-Rom 4:21
 - 2. A person who is unaware of their righteousness will always question God's willingness