

CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD

The Greek vocabulary word for confidence is parrhesia (pas) [all] and (rhesia from rhema) [speech]. It is often translated confidence in the English, meaning boldness, or openly.

In the Greek culture, parrhesia, it referred to as speaking freely; regarding truth for common good; even at personal risk when in opposition to popular opinion.

**This lesson will study four aspects of the importance of Confidence in God's Word
in one's Christian Way of Life.**

1. The Greek word, parrhesia was used to mean courageous, fearless confidence of speech in the very face of danger and threat.

It was a word behind our first amendment of freedom of speech.

An example of parrhesia is found in **Acts 4** when Peter and John were arrested for preaching the truth of God's word regarding salvation (Acts 4:1-4, 10-12, 16-22).

(Acts 4:13) "Now as they observed the **confidence** of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus."

(Acts 4:12) "And there is **salvation (soteria)** in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

(Acts 4:29) "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond servants may speak (laleo/ p.a.infin) with **all confidence.**"

2. Parrhesia was used four times in the Book of Hebrews (Heb.3:6; 4:16; 10:19; and 10:35).

We are focusing on the one in our lesson text (Heb.10:19-20).

(1 Cor.11:24-25) "Therefore, brethren, **since we have (echo/ p.a.ptc.nplm) confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.**" (Eucharist) [cup/ blood] and [bread/ body] of Jesus Christ.

This is a reference to our confidence in Categorical Bible Doctrine of entering Heaven at death.

(Heb.9:24) "For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, **but into the heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God for us." (1 John 2:1)

Believers in the early church were imprisoned for speaking boldly on this subject in the Book of Acts

- Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:3-5; 22:15-22) [can you see parrhesia?] (Acts 26:1-32).

3. The only way into the presence of a Holy God, in time as well as in eternity, is through the blood and body of Jesus Christ removing the sin of the world.

(John 1:29) “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

(1 John 2:2) “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our only but also for those of the whole world.”

While in a Roman prison for preaching the gospel of grace salvation, Paul called for leading Jews to meet with him (Acts 28:17-22).

(Acts 28:22) “But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this sect (haireisis) (Acts 24:16), it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.”

(Acts 28:28) “Therefore let it be (eimi/ p.impv.3ps) known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen.”

(Acts 28:31) “Preaching (kerusso/ p.a.ptc.nsm) the kingdom of God and teaching (didasko/ p.a.ptc.nsm) concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with **all openness** (parrhesia), unhindered.”

(Eph.3:11-12) “This is in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have **boldness** (ten parrhesia) and confident (pepoithesis) [assurance] access through faith in Him.”

4. As the results of being the first fruits of the resurrection, Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God in heaven.

(1 Cor.15:23) “But each in his own order: Christ the **first fruits**, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming.”

Note three (what) markers:

“**I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** (photizo/ perf.p.ptc.aplm) so that you will know (eis to horao/ perf.infin)

- **what** (tis) is the hope of His calling,
- **what** are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
- **and what** is the surpassing greatness of His power towards us who believe.

(Eph.1:18-20) These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.” (Rom.8:11)

(Eph.2:5-6) “Even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), and **raised up with Him**, and **seated us with Him** in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus.**”

(2 Cor.5:8) “We are of good courage, I say, and prefer to be **absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.**”