

1st John # 67

“Confident Prayer”

*1st John 3:19-24*

**By examining our application of unconditional impersonal virtue-love based on God’s truth in us now, we can know something so powerful that in the future, it sets our hearts completely at rest in the Lord Jesus Christ’s presence.**

John says that those who walk in the light as Jesus is in the light, have the experience of spiritual growth and they belong to the truth because they’re constantly applying God’s truth in their lives.

**Again and again, John emphasizes the importance of now that we’ve come to know Jesus Christ as our Savior, we must actively continue to seek Him through intimate experiential abiding fellowship.**

The good news is that if our hearts or thinking condemns us: 1. We’re still alive and there’s hope for restoration to success; 2. By God’s grace, there’s still a chance to get back on track to grow up spiritually and for that to happen, God will provide His biblical truth for direction and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit for power so we can receive God’s highest and best blessings and rewards which ultimately glorify Him.

The confidence of living and functioning in the plan of God in experiential abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ is evidenced by the fact that the heart with complete understanding of sin does not condemn us.

**God’s virtue pattern is confidence in Him and courage toward people and circumstances and part of courage toward people is prayer.**

Prayer is going to the One in whom we have confidence, who is God; about those in whom we should never have confidence; people including situations or circumstances in life.

*We cannot be effective in prayer or even ask for anything in prayer unless we’re abiding in fellowship with Jesus Christ.*

**And by the way, it’s impossible to glorify God in His plan without us being as happy as God is.**

The power of consistent prayer is based on developing a virtue called confidence which is a virtue directed toward God alone.

*Christian service in itself is meaningless and only becomes meaningful when it results from the momentum of spiritual growth inside the plan of God.*

**Jesus is called the Son because the Father sent Him into the world where He had to take on true humanity and the Father invented the prototype plan of God to sustain His Son’s humanity so that He could get to the cross in perfect condition because He could not bear the sins of the world if He committed sins Himself.**

**When our Lord was hanging on the cross, He received the imputation of all sins in human history from the entire human race and with that imputation, He received their judgement.**

**As Jesus demonstrated by remaining in experiential abiding fellowship with the Father in the prototype spiritual life; only impersonal love can provide unconditional love and that means that all believers and unbelievers who live in Satan's cosmic world system are incapable of having the virtue of unconditional impersonal love and because they're incapable of that, they're limited in all human interaction of personal love and that's why it's always better to be respected by someone than to be loved by them!**