

SECRETS OF CONFIDENCE & JOY ¹

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Joy Infusion, part 13

What gives you confidence?

BIG IDEA: What gives you confidence & is it stable?

How JEWISH do non-Jews need to be to be included as full members of God's family?

“some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses.” **Acts 15:5**

¹ In addition, my brothers & sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write to you again about this is no trouble for me and is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for the dogs, watch out for the evil workers, watch out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, boast in Christ Jesus, and do not put confidence in the flesh” **Philippians 3:1-3** CSB

1. _____, **His love for you, and what he has done is the basis for your joy and rejoicing.**

It's Rejoicing IN THE LORD

“the joy of the Lord is your strength” **Nehemiah 8:10**

2. Be _____ to and _____ decisively with infections of fleshy-religiosity & false confidence.

“These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.” **Colossians 2:23** NLT

“a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, and true circumcision is not something visible in the flesh. On the contrary, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—by the Spirit, not the letter. That person's praise is not from people but from God.” **Romans 2:28-29** CSB

“For we are the [true] **circumcision**, who **worship** by the Spirit of God, boast in Christ Jesus, and **do not put confidence in the flesh**” **Philippians 3:3**

3. We _____ & _____ **our true identity in Christ.**

1) **We are Authentic WORSHIPPERS.** (John 4:23-24)

2) **We give Jesus the CREDIT for everything good.**
(Eph. 1:12)

3) **We are WARY of anything self-reliant or drawing attention to us.** (John 3:6)

IN PRACTICE:

— _____ **with all your heart**, every day!

— _____ **God** where you're relying on your flesh.

—When awareness comes, _____ **of it.**