

## GOD'S CONFIDENCE IN YOU.

You have been, and you are, thankful that you have confidence in God. p. 1, Para. 1, [CONFID].

This is well; for it is a great thing to have doubt and uncertainty removed, and confidence in God established in the mind and heart. It is, therefore, a thing really to be thankful for, that you have confidence in God. p. 1, Para. 2, [CONFID].

Yet there is a greater thing than this to be thankful for, and that is that God has confidence in you. p. 1, Para. 3, [CONFID].

Indeed, it is God's confidence in us that is all the ground of our confidence in Him. p. 1, Para. 4, [CONFID].

Considered solely upon the merit of the question, it is indeed a very little thing that we should have confidence in Him; while it is a thing great beyond all comparison that He should have confidence in us. p. 1, Para. 5, [CONFID].

Just think what we were -- a people laden with iniquity, alienated from God, and enemies in our minds, by wicked works. Yet when we were all this, God deliberately invested in us all that He had -- the great price of His dear Son, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of God. This is a marvelous display of confidence. p. 1, Para. 6, [CONFID].

He had such confidence in us that He would invest in us -- aliens and enemies -- all that He had, and all that He is -- even Himself -- expecting that His confidence in us would destroy the alienation, break down the enmity, and win us to confidence in Him. p. 1, Para. 7, [CONFID].

And this fairly reckless confidence in us did actually win us from alienation and enmity to confidence in Him. This is the only thing that ever did or that ever could so win us. Thus His confidence in us is all the ground of our confidence in Him. p. 1, Para. 8, [CONFID].

And thus is established and illustrated the divine principle that confidence begets confidence; yea, that confidence to the extent of what seems recklessness will

beget confidence even to what seems recklessness; for no person can fairly and seriously contemplate the marvelous confidence that God has shown in us, without being won to a confidence in God that is a perfect abandon of trust -- a trust that holds them firm and steady through every vicissitude -- fire, flood, suffering, persecution, death itself -- that this world can possibly know. p. 1, Para. 9, [CONFID].

Nor did the Lord's marvelous display of confidence cease with only this investment to win us to confidence in Him; but when it had won us to confidence in Him, He then confided to our keeping His own honor in the world. He did not stay here in person to guard His honor and His character. No; He left the world, and left His disciples here in His stead, entrusting altogether to us the guardianship of His honor and His character. As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. John 20:21 Are you true to the trust, or are you betraying His boundless confidence? p. 2, Para. 1, [CONFID].

Yes, for us to have confidence in God is indeed a great thing; but O! great beyond all measure it is that God has confidence in us -- and such confidence! May this perfect abandon of the confidence of God in us hold us from proving recreant to the trust and from ever betraying that confidence. -- Review and Herald, January 4, 1898. A. T. Jones. p. 2, Para. 2, [CONFID].