## I need more ... CONFIDENCE!



Wouldn't it be wonderful to have such great confidence in life that we are not too bothered by concerns. We don't let worries upset us. Nothing ahead makes us afraid.

Maybe you consider yourself to be a "confident" person, but even the most confident person can have questions like:

"Is there a God? What is he like?"

"What if I have to face him someday?"

"Is there a heaven? How can I be sure I will get there?"

Wondering about these things makes it difficult to be confident. It becomes worse when our consciences remind us that we are not "right" with God and fall under his judgment for our sins. Surely that doesn't make us feel very confident! But God has told us the answers to the big questions of life. He makes them known to us in the Bible. He clearly points out the truth that we are sinners who do not deserve to be in heaven with him. But he has rescued us from this death sentence by sending his Son Jesus to die for our sins on the cross. Jesus paid the penalty of sin for us. He died in our place. As we celebrate Easter this month, we rejoice in Jesus who rose from the dead to give us absolute confidence that by faith in him we will live with God forever.

So now, what are the answers of life that we can be confident of? God surely exists! And he loved us so much to send a Savior to die for our sins. We know a place in heaven is ours because of Jesus. The Bible says, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him" (Jeremiah 17:7). Another Bible verse, speaking about heaven, tells us, "I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13).

We can always be confident of our relationship with God because we have a Savior who took our place under the judgment of God for our sins. He was sentenced to the death we deserved. Yes, he died, but he rose from death. Gloriously our Savior lives to assure us that we live forever. We can be absolutely confident of this because it is the truth from God!

Would you like to have more confidence? We invite you to come and learn more about the confidence you can have in Jesus.