

WITH ALL BOLDNESS

Introduction

- 1) **Acts 4:23-30** – the disciples prayed that the Lord would help them speak the word of God “with all boldness”
- 2) ***Parrhesia*** (Greek) = lit. “all speech”; freedom of speech, unreservedness of utterance; absence of fear, confidence, boldness (Vine); “Boldness, be my friend” – *Shakespeare*
- 3) Boldness is a very important trait to *develop* so that it can quickly arise when the situation would call for it (cf. Acts 13:44-46)

I) **The SOURCE and PLACE of BOLDNESS**

- A) Provided by *Christ* in His word
 - 1) Developed through faith (Phil. 4:13) and hope (2 Cor. 3:12)
- B) Found in a *fervent spirit* (Rom. 12:11)
 - 1) Must be guided by the truth of Christ (Acts 18:25-26)

II) **BOLDNESS to SPEAK**

- A) Bluntness and frankness (Acts 2:29); opposite of fear and timidity
- B) Peter and John (Acts 4:13); learned from Jesus (Jn. 7:26)
- C) Characteristic of Paul (Acts 9:27, 29; 19:8; 17:1-3 – 1 Thess. 2:2; Philemon 8)
 - 1) He had to pray and strive for this boldness (Eph. 6:19-20)
- D) Are we bold to speak the plain truth? Do we fear – are we timid (Phil. 1:14)?
 - 1) Biggest opposition to boldly speaking truth can come from other Christians!
 - 2) Pray for boldness and study your Bible to learn what needs to be boldly taught

III) **BOLDNESS to LIVE as a CHRISTIAN**

- A) Boldness to live and die for Christ (Phil. 1:20-21)
- B) Qualification of a deacon (1 Tim. 3:13)
- C) World will get “in our face” – must resist such intimidation, bullying, pressure
 - 1) Sinners today are bold in their sins – we must be *bolder* in upholding righteousness

IV) **BOLDNESS to PRAY**

- A) Come boldly to the throne of grace (Heb. 4:14-16)
 - 1) Jesus can sympathize with us! Don’t be timid in talking to God
- B) Be confident and persistent in your service to God (Eph. 3:12)

V) **BOLDNESS in the DAY of JUDGMENT**

- A) We are to have boldness in the day of judgment (1 Jn. 4:17)
 - 1) No fear of God’s judgment if we live as He is – righteous, faithful, godly
 - 2) Love of God brings peace, confidence, and assurance
- B) Can we say, “Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20)?
- C) Are we bold to meet death (2 Tim. 4:6-8)?

Conclusion

The disciples who prayed for **boldness** received such from God (Acts 4:31; Psa. 138:3). They would go on to face death itself for the truth of God. Let us increase our boldness in a world that increasing in boldness against God and His way. Our boldness will win in the end (Prov. 28:1). Are you bold to obey the truth today?