

The Best Freedom of Speech
1 John 3:21-4:12

Like our Bill of Rights, God's word guarantees freedom of _____ to believers in Jesus. But the free speech we are promised is _____ and more _____ than that protected by our Bill of Rights according to 1 John 3:21-24.

"Confidence" is the translation of a word that literally means, "____ - _____" – the freedom to say everything with no fear of _____. Our free speech in Christ is better because it is God, the ultimate _____ of the whole universe, Who accepts our relationship and communication with Him. And unlike the 1st amendment which only guarantees speech, not a _____, He promises that He hears us in 1 John 5:14-15.

This confidence, this "free speech," comes because the _____ of God affirms our close relationship to God when we keep His commandments and live a life pleasing to Him. John narrows the requirement of keeping the commandments to these: _____ in the name of His son, Jesus Christ, and _____ one another.

Our confidence before God only comes when we accept Who Jesus is according to God's word. Only a fully _____ Jesus can be your substitute, paying your penalty for sin on the cross. Only a fully _____ Jesus can be your advocate with the Father. Minimize who He is, and you will never speak freely before the Father. Your _____ and _____ with God will be enhanced by accepting with confidence that Jesus is Who He said He is.

The 2nd requirement to have confidence, to freely speak before God, is that we love one another. Loving one another is the way His love is made _____ in us. Somehow loving one another completes God's love in us—you _____ He loves you.

When you accept that Jesus is Who He said He is—the member of the Trinity Who carries the _____ of the Father and God in the flesh Who _____ for you, you will have the confidence to speak boldly, and His _____ that passes all understanding will be yours.