

Comforts and Confidence for the Lord's People

Acts 4:23-31

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Our text reveals t_____ sources of comforts and confidence that moved them to greater boldness in doing the Lord's will.

I. Their People – A Congregation of the Saints (23-24)

When we are free, our feet turn to where our h_____ are.

When we become the Lord's, then His people become "o_____" people. (Act.4:23; 2:41-42,47)

In the church we have a common Lord, p_____, direction and c_____. (Act.4:23-24; 1Co.10:31; Mat.28:19-20; Act.4:32,34-35; Gal.6:2)

II. Their Prayer – A Call upon the Sovereign (24-30)

In their prayer they acknowledge...

a) That God alone is the absolute r_____ over them. (Act.4:24)

b) That God is the s_____ creator and ruler over all creation. (Act.4:24)

If God has the wisdom and power to make this seemingly endless and glorious universe, this beautiful earth and the sea, all the complex intricacies of life, then He c____ and w____ guide and take care of us. (Act.4:24)

God's absolute sovereignty is shown by His f_____ of what had and was happening. (Act.4:25-27)

It is such a empty and foolish thing to o_____ God and His ways. You can't win. You w_____ lose not only in eternity, but in this life as well. (Act.4:25; Psa.2:3)

God's absolute sovereignty is shown by His predestinating and fulfilling a_____ His holy will. (Act.4:25-28)

The crucifixion of Christ was n____ a surprise to God. It wasn't something that He simply knew would happen. It wasn't one of several plans. It was God's e_____ purpose which H____ brought to pass through the free agency of sinful men. (Act.4:25-28; Rev.4:8)

These disciples didn't ask for peace or e____. They asked for what they needed to do what He has called them to do – b_____! (Act.4:29-30)

III. Their Power – A Confidence in the Spirit (31-33)

Their confidence wasn't in themselves or their ability, but in the H_____ S_____. (Act.4:31-33; 1:8; 2Co.3:4-5)

The results of the Spirit's filling was:

a) b_____ in speaking the Word of God (Act.4:31,33)

b) o_____ of heart and soul with the Lord's people (Act.4:32)

c) c_____ for one another (Act.4:32,34,35)

Is Jesus Christ your Lord, Savior and Sovereign?

Are His people your own people?

Are you one with them?

Do your prayers acknowledge His sovereignty?

Are you seeking boldness to do His will for your life?