#### Acts Part 10

# "Confident Expectations"



23 When they had been released, they went to their own *companions* and reported everything that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.



24 And when they heard this, they raised their voices to God with one mind and said, "Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THEM,



**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our** Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Ephesians 1:3-5 (NASB 1995)

In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

### Ephesians 1:3-5 (NASB 1995)

11 In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will,

Ephesians 1:11 (NASB)

# 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's And He rules over the nations.

#### Psalm 22:28 (NASB)



6 Are five sparrows not sold for two assaria? And yet not one of them has gone unnoticed in the sight of God. 7 But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not fear; you are more valuable than a great number of sparrows. Luke 12:6-7 (NASB)

29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf,

#### Philippians 1:29 (NASB)

17 For it is better, if God should will it *so*, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

#### 1 Peter 3:17 (NASB)

#### 25 who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'WHY WERE THE NATIONS INSOLENT, AND THE PEOPLES PLOTTING IN VAIN?



26 THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.'



3 "Let's tear their shackles apart And throw their ropes away from us!" 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.

#### Psalm 2:3-4 (NASB)

**27 For truly in this city there were** gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and purpose predestined to occur. Acts 4:23-31 (NASB)

29 And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant *it* to Your bondservants to speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."



31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.



14 Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; Ephesians 6:14-20 (NASB)

16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:14-20 (NASB)

18 With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be alert with all perseverance and every request for all the saints,

#### Ephesians 6:14-20 (NASB)



19 and pray in my behalf, that speech may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:14-20 (NASB)



