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"Confidence" - a "phroneo" issue:

A mindset ...

influenced by a heartset ....

that controls what & how you think



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Flesh: self-rooted; apart-from-God approach



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Test-case: "circumcision"



The point of "circumcision:" A sign to God & yourself that ...

- you believe you are more than your "flesh"
- that you belong to God
- that "apart from me you can do nothing"



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Philippian 3

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#### The solution:

"Circumcise your heart"

(Deuteronomy 10:12-16; 30:6; Jeremiah 4:4)



"For in Christ all of the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness ... In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you where circumcised by Christ ... buried with him in baptism ... raised with him from [your deadness]



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"Internal" confidence does not have to be "self" confidence





Joy is a key sign of gospel-rooted confidence



Regard everything but Jesus as ...

"Loss" column stuff



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- "Loss" column stuff
- "Garbage"



Pursue knowing Jesus better in & thru' it all



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Power of his resurrection



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- Power of his resurrection
- Participation in his sufferings ... death to everything else



If you look at the world, you'll be distressed.

If you look within, you will be depressed.

If you look to Christ, you will be at rest.



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