Doctrine of Holy Boldness

1. Being occupied with the person of Christ, believing in His resurrection and committing oneself to advancing His cause and kingdom will enhance a holy boldness in the heart.

   - Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

2. A legitimate prayer petition is to ask for holy boldness in order to witness effectively.

   - Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

3. God will be pleased to answer a sincere and prolonged prayer for spiritual power. The disciples met for ten days in the upper room before they were filled with the Holy Ghost. However, once filled the disciples were bold to witness, both men and women.

   - Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

4. The apostle Paul boldly spoke to the believers at Corinth for it took holy boldness to correct their sins and commend them for their good works. Only a fool will speak his or her mind indiscriminately in the name of boldness. A wise person, a spiritual person will boldly speak, but with fear and trembling, not knowing how the message will be received.

   - 2 Corinthians 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my gloriing of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

5. Faith in Christ, confidence in one’s salvation produces a holy boldness of relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The believer is always to approach God with dignity and humility, but with holy boldness as well.

   - Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

6. Without having confidence in the flesh the heart of the Christian should always long to never be ashamed of Christ but to testify of His great love and grace so that by life or death the Lord might be honored in one’s body.

   - Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.
7. Spiritual leaders such as Elders and Deacons can display great boldness in the sphere of faith as they administer the affairs of the local assembly.

- **1 Timothy 3:13** For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

8. Because of Christ every Christian can go into the most holy place and have access to God with a holy boldness.

- **Hebrews 10:19** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

9. Fear can paralyze the heart when the Day of Judgment is considered. Love can cast out that fear. In as far as the believer has a deep, genuine and abiding love for Christ the Day of Judgment need not be feared.

- **1 John 4:17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.