

A major cause of fear as people near the end of life:

What's going to happen to me? Am I at peace with God or do I need to 'settle that old account'?

Those who are in Christ are secure in Him
(See John 10:25-29 and Rom. 8:31-39)

Those who are not in Christ should be very afraid.
(Turn to Christ today, for He alone is your salvation)



A second major fear as one approaches the end of life:

What about my family? My spouse? Our children?
Who is going to care for them?

Is death supposed to cause fear for those who are in Christ?

“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...” Ps. 23:4

“...He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.” Heb 2:9

1 Cor. 15, 2 Cor. 5, 1 Thess. 4



“BUT GOD... :
PEACE IN FAREWELLS”

Genesis 48:1-4, 21-22

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JACOB'S STORY

- Assured of being greater from birth Gen 25
- Received birthright, although born second
- Received the blessing from Isaac Gen 27
 - Dreamed at Bethel Gen 28:10-15
- Preserved by God's presence, protection & provision
 - Wrestled with God Gen 32
 - Returned to Bethel Gen 35:1-13
- Went to Egypt and became slave Gen 45:25 – 46:4
 - Remained steadfast Gen 48:3-4



48:21

With boldness, Jacob committed those who came behind him into God's care – and then he rested in God

Similarly:

Joseph to his bros 50:24

Paul to the Ephesian elders Acts 20:13ff



Am I instilling confidence in God in the heart of my family?

“Well, I don’t know, but I want to!”

Good news

YOU CAN START TODAY

First commit self to God. Jacob's confidence came in not something he simply read or heard, but in what he experienced. Am I fully persuaded in Christ?

2 Tim. 1:12

Recount His faithfulness past Deut. 6 and 8; Ps. 103

Proclaim (and live out) your confidence Psalm 27