

Confirmation Essay Requirements & Guidelines

Your essay is based on the Bible verse you have selected as your Confirmation verse. It is a special Bible verse you have selected for your Rite of Confirmation because it has special meaning for you. Your Confirmation essay is a very serious, thoughtful and prayerful expression of your Christian faith; it deserves your full attention. Do not wait until the week before it is due and expect it to be a true expression of what you believe to be true about the meaning of this verse. The essay should reflect significant thought and consideration. **Your essay is due electronically by February 6, 2019 at 5:30pm.** Please email it to Laura McDonald (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) as a PDF by the due date. If, for some reason, you cannot turn in your essay electronically, please notify Laura McDonald prior to the due date.

Basic Instructions:

- Your essay should be approximately 250 words (about 1 to 2 pages minimum). Please type your essay using **double spacing, either Times New Roman or Arial as your font choice, and size 12 or 14.** Use your best spelling and grammar- these are important.
- Create a title page with your name, date, title, and Bible verse.

Suggested Outline (although, you don't have to write it this way!):

- I. Introductory Paragraph (Use the first page of the book of the Bible your verse is taken from. This may assist with the first paragraph.)
 - A. State your Bible verse
 - B. Who wrote the book of the Bible or the selected verse?
 1. Where is the book located? (Old or New Testament)
 2. Why was the book written?
 3. Who was it written to or intended for?
 - C. What are the primary themes or ideas in this book?
- II. What does this Bible verse mean?
 - A. Break down each part of the verse
 - B. Briefly explain each part in your own words
 - C. Explain the meaning of each part in the context of the time or in relation to the problems the people were facing.
- III. Why is this verse so important? (Helpful questions or suggestions may include the list below. You may have additional ideas or thoughts also.)
 - A. What does this verse say about our/your relationship to God or Jesus?
 - B. How does it help to strengthen your faith?
 - C. What does the verse teach us?
- IV. Concluding Paragraph
 - A. Why is this Bible verse special to me?
 - B. What significance does this verse have in my life?
 - C. What assurances or guarantees does this Bible verse give me?

**If you're having trouble with your essay, ask your parents for help ☺ If you are still struggling, feel free to ask a pastor or Laura for help – that's what we're here for!

**Even though you are turning in your essays to Laura, Pastor Randy will be the one to read over them.