

A wooden suspension bridge with a narrow path and railings, stretching across a river in a lush green forest. The bridge is made of natural wood and has a rustic appearance. The background is filled with dense foliage and trees, creating a serene and somewhat mysterious atmosphere.

How to Handle Fear

Are You Infected by Fear?

May 2020 Bible Study Series

**PERFECT LOVE CAST OUT
FEAR
Lesson Four**

I John 4:17-18 (NKJV)

Scripture Lesson

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment (punishment). But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

**Perfected love – Love
brought to its intended goal.**

“Perfect love is Jesus, God wrapped in human flesh. Perfect Love goes to any length to save and any height to reach. Perfect Love calls the prisoner His brother, redeems him and sets him free. Perfect Love is complete, all consuming, with no traces of doubt in the power of the Holy One. Perfect Love sets a glittering crown on the head of the orphan and calls her “Beloved Daughter.””

**A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another; as I have
loved you, that you also love one
another.**

John 13:34 (NKJV)

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. As a result of this love perfected in us over time, we gain “confidence for the day of judgment.

I John 4:12 (NKJV)

Cast Out Fear – Fear in the Greek (phobos), signified flight. It denotes that which causes flight; hence, fear, terror, dread, the fear of reverence toward God.

To the praise of the glory of His grace,
by which He made us accepted in the
Beloved.

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV)

**I in them, and You in Me; that they
may be made perfect in one, and
that the world may know that You
have sent Me, and have loved them
as You have loved Me.**

John 17:33 (NKJV)

"Amazing Love" is a song
written by **John Schweers**

**God accepts all who
accept His Son.**

Deuteronomy 1:26-33 (NKJV)

An Old Testament Example

Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; and you complained in your tents, and said, ‘Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, “The people *are* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.” ’

Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God, who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

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.

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV)

God has not given us a spirit
of **timidity** but of **power** and
love and discipline.

II Timothy 1:7

The Greek word translated "**fear**" or "**timidity**" is a timid, cowardly, shameful fear that is generated by weak, selfish character.

NO FEAR OF JUDGMENT

And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So, we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we are like Christ here in this world.

1John 4:17 (NLT)

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I John 4:17-18

- 1. What Kind of Love Is This?**
- 2. What Kind of Fear Is This?**
- 3. How Does Love Casts Out Fear?**

**1. What Kind of Love Is
This?**

The Spirit of This Love

I Corinthians 13:4-9,13 (NKJV)

Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Security of This Love

Romans 8:38-39 (NKJV)

**For I am persuaded that neither death
nor life, nor angels nor principalities
nor powers, nor things present nor
things to come, nor height nor depth,
nor any other created thing, shall be
able to separate us from the love of
God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

2. What Kind of Fear Is This?

Four Kinds Of Fear:

**1. Deep Concern for The
Spiritual Welfare Of Others
2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)**

**But I fear, lest somehow, as
the serpent deceived Eve by
his craftiness, so your
minds may be corrupted
from the simplicity that is in
Christ.**

2. Respect Shown for One in an Authoritative Role

Ephesians 5:33 (NKJV)

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (NKJV)

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

Ephesians 6:5 (NKJV)

3. Godly Fear

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NKJV)

**Let us hear the conclusion of the
whole matter: Fear God and keep
His commandments, for this is
man's all.**

4. The Painful Terror of Anticipated Punishment

Hebrews 10:27 (NKJV)

**But a certain fearful
expectation of judgment, and
fiery indignation which will
devour the adversaries.**

**How Does Love Casts Out
Fear?**

**Boldness (Confidence) in the
Day of Judgment**

Polls show that at least 60 % of Americans believe in hell, but only 4% think there's a good chance that they will go there.

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**The more you see God's love
surfacing in your life, the more you
will "have confidence and not shrink
away from Him in shame at His
coming"**