

# Questions Through 1 John

## Lesson 10: What does it mean that perfect love cast out fear?

### 1 John 4:18



- \* There is a distinct word for the type of love that God displays. In the Greek, this word is \_\_\_\_\_, and it refers to a benevolent and charitable love that seeks the best for the loved one.
- \* (1 John 4:18) says that “*perfect love casts out fear.*” The “fear” that perfect loves casts out is the fear of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* The \_\_\_\_\_ of the fear of judgment is one of the main functions of God’s love.
- \* Part of understanding the love of God is knowing that God’s judgment fell on Jesus at the cross so that we can be spared: “*The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all*” (Isa. 53:6). Jesus’ sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ God’s justice and won His good favor (1 John 2:2).
- \* The only person who must fear judgment is the one who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ (John 3:18).
- \* The Bible says that nothing can \_\_\_\_\_ the believer from the love of God in Christ (Rom. 8:38–39).
- \* “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). A spirit of fearfulness and \_\_\_\_\_ does not come from God.
- \* If, as a child of God, we still fear God’s punishment, we have not yet reached the point of \_\_\_\_\_ in love. To help us be complete in love, God has liberally sprinkled \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Bible.
- \* The key to overcoming fear is total and complete \_\_\_\_\_ in God:
  - \* Trusting God is how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced the fiery furnace without fear (Daniel 3)
  - \* Trusting God is how Stephen stood before his killers fearlessly (Acts 7)
- \* To trust God is to \_\_\_\_\_ to give in to fear. Even in the darkest times, we can trust in God to make things right. This trust comes from knowing God and knowing that He is good.
- \* Once we have learned to put our \_\_\_\_\_ in God, we will no longer be afraid of the things that come against us. We will be like the psalmist who said with confidence, “*Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you*” (Ps. 5:11).