

# There is no fear in love



**(1 John 4:13-21)**

# 1 John 4:18

- *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.*



# Questions our text raises:

- What kind of fear are we talking about?
- Why is this kind of fear so prevalent?
- Why does it impact Christians the way it does?
- What impact does it have on relationships?



# Questions our text raises:



- How does it impact church leaders?
- Why is love the antidote or solution?
- Are there good illustrations or examples of this kind of love?
- How can I apply this reality to my own life?

# John Newton “Amazing Grace”



- **'Twas grace that taught my heart  
to fear  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace  
appear  
The hour I first believed.**

# God's love is perfected in us

- takes a long time
- a mutual abiding
- we have to be patient with ourselves, not fearing failure or imperfection



# We have confidence for the day of judgment



- not based on our competence or performance
- not based on our traditions or heritage
- based on God's work in us!

# We are Jesus in the world

- an incarnational mindset
- stepping into our fears
- encouraging others in the midst of their fears
- we fear nothing Satan can threaten to do to us





# **We are compelled to love our brothers and sisters**

- **Because God first loved**
- **A fearless love**
- **Enables us to care and minister to the  
needy**
- **The joy of giving up self for God and  
others**
- **Small groups provides context for this!**



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# Conclusion



**There is no fear in love because...**

- **God's love is perfected in us**
- **We have confidence for the day of judgment**
- **We are Jesus in the world**
- **We are compelled to love our brothers and sisters**

# Conclusion



- My take away question: *what fear in my life still needs to be conquered by love?*