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## **For The Love Of God: What Are You Afraid Of?**

**Luke 1:50** - *He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.*

**Acts 9:31** - *The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers.*

**2 Corinthians 7:1** - *Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.*

**Philippians 2:12** - *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling*

**1 John 4:13-18** - *This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. <sup>16</sup> We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. <sup>17</sup> 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 live like Jesus here in this world. <sup>18</sup> Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.*

**We Can't Approach God In Love And Simultaneously Hide From Him In Fear**

**Living like Christ And Growing In Love Cultivates Confidence**

**Romans 8:15** - *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

**God's Desire Is To Live In Us, Not Just To Tell Us He Loves Us**

**1. We Have To Come To Terms With How Much God Loves Us.**

## 2. We Have To Love Others.

**John 6:69** - *We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.*

**Hebrews 2:14-15** - *Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. <sup>15</sup> Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.*

**Romans 5:5** - *And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*