

"Herein is our love made perfect, 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 casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in Love. We love him, because He first Loved us." 1 John 4:17-19 KJV



Is your faith is weak? *"The fear of man layeth a snare."* The fear of man can be anything that clouds your faith, from rejection and harm to stress and terror. Little Faith is no less a child of God than Great Faith, BUT it will not have great love for Jesus. Love begets trust. The key to trust is knowledge. *"Faith cometh by hearing (knowing), and hearing by the Word of God."* Love is an action not an emotion. The evidence of HEARING is action. *"God so Loved...He gave..."* Great love of God perceives the great depths of sin, from which you are rescued, and the Great Grace and Love which rescued you. The more exceedingly sinful, sin is to you, the greater your perception of the Love that drew you from its grasp! As long as we tolerate, nay, encourage little sins, we will have Little Faith. How often have you heard, "That's just who I am!"? *"If any man be in Christ, he is A NEW CREATURE."* If who you are lives in sin, you're not NEW in Christ. *"Walking in the Light"* is characteristic of creatures of Light. Allowing sin dominance in any thought or action is little faith. Our faith in Christ, God's Word (not ourselves) is our strength. *"And this is the victory that overcometh the world; even our faith."* Jesus said, *"Without Me, ye can do NOTHING."* I must more ardently cling to His Love through faith in His Word, perfecting my own love for Him. Obedience of God's Word is the evidence of hearing AND faith. There must be both! *"For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the Word preached DID NOT PROFIT THEM, not being MIXED WITH FAITH in them that heard it."* Knowing isn't believing! The more I love God, the more I'll trust Him, and the less I'll fear! Christ proved His Love on Calvary and His Power with His Resurrection! I can love Him, because I can trust Him! The more I meditate on and trust in the magnitude of God's Love towards me, the greater will be my faith in Him. Jesus is the Word. *"In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God. God IS Love."* Jesus said, *"Thy Word is Truth. I am...The Truth."* When God's Truth voices itself in your thoughts, you are hearing God! Knowing God's Word is key to hearing; hearing key to faith; and faith key to loving Jesus! "Jesus, Jesus, how I love Him: O for Grace to trust Him more!"

God's perfect love removes all fear,
By knowing He is ever near,
The threats of life nor circumstance,
Will cause not even fleeting glance. ~CGP

Obedience proves your love. Jesus said, *"IF ye love me, keep (obey) my commandments. And hereby we do know that we know Him, IF we keep His commandments."* Faith in God is directly proportional to your love of God. We often mourn our "little faith," but are seldom concerned for "little love," not perceiving the relationship between the two. They are two sides of the same coin. A penny is a penny no matter which side is up. Trade YOUR pennies for HEAVEN'S Gold (faith). Know the Word, love, and trust Jesus! Judgment Day harbors no dread for those *"made perfect in Love."* The Apostle Paul wrote just before his beheading;

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that Day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV