

1 John 4 | Ryan Keith

Fighting Fear by Knowing God Loves You

God's perfect love casts out fear

What is God's perfect love?

1. God is love.
2. God's perfect love is evidenced by the Cross.
3. God's perfect love is evidenced by His abiding presence.

How do I experience God's perfect love?

In the face of fear, why should I love others?

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What stood out to you from the text/sermon?
2. God's perfect love casts out fear. Which of the 3 reasons Ryan gave is most helpful to your belief of this: God is love, the Cross, or the Holy Spirit's abiding presence? Which is the most difficult to believe? Why?
3. 1 John 4 teaches us that experiencing God's perfect love casting out fear comes through confession, abiding, and loving one another. Which are you naturally drawn to?
4. What is the condition of your heart before God? When you come before God, do you feel love or judgement? Why?
5. In the face of fear, confession, encouragement, and testimony are all reasons to love others. How can you grow in one of these areas over the next month?

Challenge Verse

Each week we want to challenge you to memorize 1 verse from our teaching passage. This week's verse is: *1 John 4:18*

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.