

## Perfect Love!

*KJV Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

*2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air; upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

In the beginning God created all things and said they were ALL good!

He put all things under man's authority and placed the fear of man in the hearts of every creature so that man walked the earth in complete dominion. (Psalm 8:4-6)

Everywhere he went all creation showed him reverence and respect!

In a world uncorrupted by sin man is supreme under God and walks the earth completely without fear or intimidation from any creature.

As sin increases in the earth so to does the corruption of God's divine order and things slowly reverse themselves.

Angels left their place, man leaves his place and so to do the animal's rebel against Divine order and leave their places. (Jude 1:6)

Fear decrease in creation but increases in man until in the end Jesus says:

*There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.*

Jesus said men would experience things so terrifying they would die from fear.

❖ Fear is dread, terror, the expectation of something bad occurring.

As we get closer and closer to the end fear will increase and grip the hearts of people everywhere!

**But as for the Saints of The Most High God we can't live in fear, must walk in power, love and a sound mind!**

*KJV 2 Timothy 1:5-7 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

*6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.*

*7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

**The spirit of fear is nothing less than “timidity and cowardess” that comes from a lack of confidence in who God is in our lives!**

- **Power** is the supernatural ability to do miracles and not be overcome the **natural things** happening on earth!

**Fear effects our ability to handle the natural by the supernatural power of God**

- **Love** is the supernatural ability to overcome ALL fear and evil with good! Using the power of God for the benefit of others!

**Fear effects our ability to walk in the Love of God and bless others!**

- **Sound mind** is the supernatural ability to control our minds; casting down wicked imaginations, thoughts and beliefs!

**Fear effects our ability to think, reason and understand!**

The reason we need our minds **constantly** renewed is because it's so easy lose sight of love and become selfish and isolated from others.

The spirit of fear causes people to justify harming others while still claiming to be a follower of Christ!

But **perfect love** (the mature love of Christ) casts out fear!

**When we have fear in our hearts instead of laying down our lives as Christ did we seek to protect our lives from the very people we're supposed to help!**

*1 John 4:15-18 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*

*16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

*17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.*

*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.*

**Confess means to say the same thing publically and to agree with so completely it shows up totally in our lives!**

*16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

**Known is the Greek word ginosko which is learning by experience.**

We have to experience things in order for us to learn how much God truly loves us!

So don't be afraid my brothers and sisters when your faith is tested and your world is being turned upside down.

God is with you, He promised never to leave or turn His back on us!

**As we go through life we learn and our love matures—we don't let petty issues separate us from one another.**

We come to realize things we didn't understand about one another in the beginning.

We start learning how to coexist with people who think differently!

As we learn just how much God loves us we grow in our love for others; this love we have for others causes us to believe and seek their highest and best.

**Perfect love is love that has reached its goal, accomplished what God intended in people so we can fulfill God's purpose.**

Do you know that God's love can make a wealthy give up all their wealth, privilege and earthly comforts and spend the rest of their lives helping people in a third-world developing country!

Do you know when God's love is mature in a person they can endure anything—they will allow themselves to be beaten, ship wrecked, stoned, go hungry, be talked about and give their lives for the sake of the gospel.

Do you not know when the love of God is perfected and matures it will cause God to strip Himself of His divinity, His glory and honor, but on human flesh, walk among His own creation, be talked about, criticized, lied on, beaten, crucified and put in a tomb.

