

MOVING PAST FEAR AND DOUBT

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Many Christians do not know what it is to be at complete rest with God. With God's ways seemingly being far beyond our grasp, many cannot find peace or contentment... confidence is far from them. Many of the shortcomings of life lead people to believe that they are not good enough nor worthy to be part of God's family, nor do they believe that they will ever overcome this world... this is wrong, God has a much better plan with many built in advantages.

There is a good reason to fear... this world has been in trouble for six thousand years... time is running out.

LUK 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all. The last 6,000 years has seen many times when God has stopped the human race from their godless ways... every time this has happened, it was an absolute disaster for those who ignored him. The planet is God's, not ours... we need to understand why we are here and what is expected from us.

There is a very good reason to fear what is coming upon the earth... but none of us ever need fear when we hand over to God. He has given us a wonderful solution.

Christians shouldn't be slaves to fear. The anointing of the Spirit leads to freedom, not bondage.

ROM 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear (God has not filled us with his Spirit so that we would be slaves once again to fear); but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. God treats us as a father would look after his children. We are also free from fear because God can deal with every human weakness... if we let him.

Trusting in God casts out fear

PSA 56:10 In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. *The outcome of trusting in God removes fear... builds faith and gets results. It moves us in the right direction... starts opening doors.*

Many fear because they have fallen short of their potential, but God actually offers much more to those who are Spirit filled.

ROM 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. *Christ died for us while we were enemies... while we were doing evil and stupid deeds.*

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath (vengeance) through him. *If he helped us while we were enemies... how much more will he help us now that we are family.*

When we exercise God's love... fear and doubt lose their power and we prosper in hope and confidence.

1JOH 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear (what is perfect love? ...does that mean we have to be without error? [V12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.... this is the key... God's love is perfected in us as we serve each other, not because we are perfect and sinless!):] because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. *Our walk in the Lord is not based on fear, but on service... caring for each other is rewarding and faith building. Self centered approaches are selfish and unrewarding leading to emptiness, confusion and fear... often relying upon negative motivation (fear of judgment). Those who fear will eventually stop fellowshiping and lose all hope and joy... there is no need.*

Without the right attitude and a little motivation, we will never know what it is to be at peace with God. Nothing holds us back but our will to try.

Jesus Christ did not fill us with his spirit so that we would remain in the world... nor did he plan that we would be dominated by our fears. It is up to us to move forward and put into practice the things that God wants us to do. Yes, this world as we know it will end... but we don't have to go under with it!