

When Fear is Gone, Torment is Gone!

1 John 4:17-18 KJV 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. [18] 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.

To remove fear in our lives, we must look to the source of fear. There would be no fear, if there were no sin. Before sin came, there was no fear. Adam and Eve walked around the Garden in total peace. There wasn't anything bad to fear, there was no lack, and nobody had the evil devil's nature in them. Even the animals were at peace with each other. However, when man sinned, the devil became the ruler of humanity. Not one person, other than Jesus, has not been ruled by him. He comes to steal, kill and destroy. There is no true freedom from the devil's torture other than through the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the verses above, we see that perfect love casts out fear. If you read this in context, you will see that the verse says 'in the day of judgment'. The fear of the judgment of God produces the fear that causes all fear. If we believe we are guilty before God, then we automatically believe that God is not for us, but against us. If you believe God is not for you, that means you're on your own in this dark evil world. This immediately causes fear, because we all know that we are not big enough or strong enough to protect ourselves. We might psych ourself up for a while and think we are invincible, but we know it's just a lie.

I've been studying the Bible for a long time; and I've come up with this simple revelation that we must clearly see, if we want to be free from fear and torment. We must conclude that we were born sinners, and that sin separates us from our wonderful Protector and Provider - God. The sin issue has to be resolved once and forever for us and everyone else. We must take our forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ's sacrifice and declare we are sin free; and that God is, and will forever be, on our side. Whatever comes against us, we don't ever have to face it alone. Now the next thing we must do is let the Lord Jesus take care of the people that have and will sin against us. When we become judge and jury of our fellow man, we connect ourselves back to sin. We have released our sin; but by holding the sins of others, we let the devil take back control of our lives.

John 20:22-23 KJV And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: [23] Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

When we receive the blood of Jesus to remit our sins, we must, in turn, let Jesus' blood be applied to other people's sins as well. After being a Christian for over 40 years and a minister for over 35, I see this as the Church's major flaw. We will instantly receive forgiveness for our sins but not give forgiveness to others. We will come up with all kinds of rationale on why we can't forgive. The simple truth is that we really don't have complete revelation of what Jesus did when He received everyone's sin and died for them. Now remember, only when sin remains does fear remain. Perfect love casts out fear. If you have received your forgiveness today, tell yourself that God is on your side; tell yourself, "if God be for me, who can be against me?". If others sin

against, you tell yourself that your job is to remit their sins, and not retain them; because Jesus died for their sins as well as yours.

Always remember that your pastor loves you always.

Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Exodus chapter 25
Tuesday	Exodus chapter 26
Wednesday	Exodus chapter 27
Thursday	Exodus chapter 28
Friday	Exodus chapter 29
Saturday	Exodus chapter 30
Sunday	Exodus chapter 31

*Upcoming Events

1. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** 10-11am Mon-Fri in the Gym
2. **Mobile Prayer:** Wednesday 2-3:30pm in our South parking lot; Friday 2-3:30pm Sam's Warehouse
3. **Noonday Bible Study:** In Sanctuary; live on KJRF 91.1fm; live stream on TCC app. 12:15 Mon-Fri
4. **Monday Night Care Group:** In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm
5. **Friday Night Prayer:** 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony
6. **Communion:** This Wednesday
7. **No Men's Fellowship:** Saturday due to Labor Day weekend

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**Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

Sundays * Prayer: 9am Lee Blvd entrance * Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. *
Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley

Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul
Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins
Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon
Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrice Williams
Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham
Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade
Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore
Young Singles/College & Career —Eliav/Kim Nash

Daily. * Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am
* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app
* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

Weekly * Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45am Main Service
* Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm
* Wednesday night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)
* Mobile Prayer: Wed 2-3:30pm Lee Blvd parking lot; Fri 2-3:30pm Sam's

Warehouse

* Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony
* Crosses at the Corner: 11am-1am Saturdays corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

Monthly * Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral
* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month in Fellowship Hall
* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday of each month 5pm in Sanctuary

* Horse Ministry: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month