

Part 21: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

1 John 4:17-21

1. What is an early memory you have of experiencing how imperfect human love is?

2. Fill in the blanks. Spiritual Principle – God's _____ love makes me _____ about Day.

3. Read 1 John 4:17-21. What do the following verses teach about judgment day? Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10; Romans 1:32.

- a. How should Christians view judgment day in light of 2 Corinthians 5:21?
- b. Why does being freed from the fear of Hell end up delivering me from every other fear?
- c. How is God's love so different from human love? Elaborate.
- d. Why is a lack of love toward others evidence that I am not personally experiencing God's love right now?
- e. Name 3 people you need to personally express God's love to this week. Write down how you will do this for *each of them* in a practical way.

- 4. Read 1 John 4:19. How should this verse shape the way I view my genuine love for God when I'm feeling unloved by Him?
 - a. What does it look like to love someone in a conditional way?
 - b. Name some people who are hardest for you to love. How should v. 19 impact the way you love them?
- 5. Read 1 John 4:18. Why is it impossible for the Bible to contradict itself?
 - a. How does v. 18 seem to contradict Proverbs 1:7 and Proverbs 14:27?
 - b. Explain the difference between the fear of God's condemnation verses the fear of God's discipline. Which is good and which is bad for a believer to engage in? Why?
 - c. What does Romans 8:1 teach?

6. How will you grow in deepening your confidence for facing God on judgment day?

7. What is your main take way from this passage?