

Following

The Destination

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Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. . . "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:1,28 NLT

(Jesus) commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." . . . (and) you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

Acts 1:4b-5,8a NLT

The love of God has been poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:5b LSV

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear **1 John 4:18a LSB**

Perfect Love Casts Out . . .

1. The fear of punishment.

. . There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 NIV

Now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Colossians 1:22b NIV

2. The fear of not enough.

"... I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life."

Mark 10:29-30 NLT

My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 ESV

3. The ultimate fear.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:35,37 NIV

When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up . . . For I am the Lord your God.

Isaiah 43:2-3a TLB