

**A Love Like His
No Fear In Our Present
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Key Verse of the Series

Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. 1 John 4:18 NLT

Key Verses of the Day

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. 1 John 4:4-5 NLT

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. 1 John 4:1 NLT

Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. 1 John 4:5 NLT

...the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. 1 John 4:4b NLT

Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us. 1 John 3:24 NLT

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. John 16:7 NLT

Key Thought of the Day

Since the Spirit who lives in us is greater than the spirit who lives in the world, if we listen to His influence in our life, we can live in confidence with No Fear in our **PRESENT** life.

Reality Check

In whatever circumstances you find yourself in life — **GOD HAS A PLAN!**

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. Romans 5:3-5 NLT

We Can Have No Fear In Our Present Life By...

- Studying **GOD'S WORD** and carefully applying it to our lives.

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. 1 John 4:1a NLT

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105 NLT

Grab This...

God's Word places **PERSPECTIVE** on my life's circumstances.

Refuse to listen to the **CHATTER** of the World around you.

Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. 1 John 4:5 NLT

We Can Have No Fear In Our Present Life By...

- Trusting in the **SOVEREIGNTY** of God over our lives.

All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. 1 John 4:15-16 NLT

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-7a NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 NLT

I am the Lord, and there is no other. I create the light and make the darkness. I send good times and bad times. I, the Lord, am the one who does these things. "Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together. I, the Lord, created them.

"What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?'" Isaiah 45:6b-9 NLT

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

We Can Have No Fear In Our Present Life By...

- Living in the power of the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. 1 John 4:13 NLT

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT

We Can Have No Fear In Our Present Life By...

- Valuing the strength in **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**.

But you belong to God, my dear children. 1 John 4:1a NLT

But we belong to God... 1 John 4:6a NLT

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6 NLT

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Philippians 2:1-2 NLT

The Bottom Line

People who belong to Jesus ought to face life with complete confidence because God has a **GOOD PLAN** for their lives.

The Challenge

What steps could you take so that you can face life with greater confidence in God's plans for you?