

True Love Overcomes Fear

1 John 4:13-21

Why Can We Live Without Fear?

1. Because of our condition:

1 John 4:13-14 | ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

- A. Our position (v. 13a)
- B. Our possession (v. 13b)
- C. Our profession (v. 14)

2. Because of our commitment:

1 John 4:15-16 | ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

- A. Our confession (v. 15)
- B. Our conviction (v. 16)

3. Because of our confidence:

1 John 4:17-18 | ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

- A. Our future (v. 17a)
- B. Our foundation (v. 17b)
- C. Our freedom (v. 18)

4. **Because of our commission:**

1 John 4:19-21 | ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

- A. **Our precedent (v. 19)**
- B. **Our paradigm (v. 20)**
- C. **Our precept (v. 21)**