

There is no fear in love,  
but perfect love casts out fear.

(1 John 4:18a ESV)

- **God is love.**

When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day---our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life---fear of death, fear of judgment---is one not yet fully formed in love (1 John 4:17-18 MSG).

“Matheological” Equations for Perfect Love:

$$\text{Obey (Love God + Love Neighbor + Love Enemies + Love One Another) = Perfect Love}$$

$$\text{Perfect Love} > \text{Fear}$$

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me (Psalm 56:3-4 ESV)?

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).

