

# No More Fear, Only Love

1 John 4:17-21

*Focus: Because we are loved by God, we have no fear of His judgment and we are compelled to love, not hate one another*

## Resources:

Here is a helpful resource on our text by John Piper:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/perfect-love-casts-out-fear>



## NW's 2018 Priority

*Bought: we belong to Christ!*

we want to ...

- be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...
- be in awe of this privilege...
- respond in willing obedience...
- invite others to join us!

## Discussion:

- Read the passage. In verses 17-18, how is it that love affects our view of Judgment Day and fear? Do you think of Judgment Day often? How ought these verses shape you in that regard?
- How do you work out verse 18 and other passages that urge the fear of the LORD? (cf. Deut. 10.12)
- How does verse 19 affect you? how should this simple truth shape your life?
- How have you experienced the love of Christ from other believers?
- Why do you think John says we are lying if we say we love God but hate our brother? Do you have any current relationships that make verses 20-21 hard for you?
- Looking at verse 19 again, do you most need to work on the front end or back end of that verse (i.e. embracing God's love or loving others)?

**Missional Opps!** Challenge your group to love a neighbor well at one of these events/opportunities!

- Look for a way to serve a neighbor!

OR

- engage your server at a restaurant and ask them how you can pray for them before you pray for your meal!