

To the extent that fear is a choice we make, the apostle John offers an alternative choice instead of fear. The choice to love not only deepens our union with Christ, it is the remedy to fear.

_____ is a remedy to _____

our _____ is based on the _____

Greek *telos* “made complete” “perfect” = .

Greek *ballo* “drives out” = _____

self-analysis — how do I join with the _____ in this _____ process of _____ which results in _____?

the degree by which I measure _____ being made complete in me is directly related to the degree by which I _____

key to loving others begins with _____ God’s love for me

Do Not Be Afraid

1 John 4:16b-21



^{16b} God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

¹⁷ This is how love is **made complete** (*telos*) among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: **In this world we are like Jesus.** ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But **perfect** (*telos*) love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not **made perfect** (*telos*) in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

According to today's passage, what drives out fear?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: 1 John 4:16-21

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

U L C S R P T H F J N O
M A D E A O J L A E K F
L M K E N T H E V T A I
U I P N Y C S I S T E R
L D A U O L G E L U Y S
L C C R N A V E I B S T
K L O V E I L N V R A P
U A M M R M S P E O R E
Y L M D P S Y H S T E R
Y S A D C L K S M H L F
C O N F I D E N C E Y E
J U D G M E N T O R N C
J V B E C A U S E W E T

And so we **know** and **rely** on the **love** God has for us. God is **love**. Whoever **lives** in **love lives** in God, and God in them. This is how **love** is **made complete** among us so that we will have **confidence** on the day of **judgment**: In this world we are **like Jesus**. There is no **fear** in **love**. But **perfect love drives** out **fear**, because **fear** has to do with **punishment**. The one who fears is not **made perfect** in **love**. We **love because** he **first** loved us. Whoever **claims** to **love** God yet **hates** a **brother** or **sister** is a **liar**. For whoever does not **love** their **brother** and **sister**, whom they have **seen**, **cannot love** God, whom they have not **seen**. And he has **given** us this **command**: **Anyone** who loves God must **also love** their **brother** and **sister**.