



~ Surrendered to Love ~

“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.” – 1 John 4:18

Have you ever suffered from an anxiety attack that kept you awake at night? In those moments, you want nothing more but to receive deliverance from those intense emotions. Fear is the culprit of many mental illnesses in our world today. What do you fear? Fear takes on different forms. It could be fear of losing a job, or fear of financial loss. It could be a phobia or fear of losing control.

Fear may take on various forms, but in all cases it does one thing – it cripples. It stops you dead in your tracks and keeps you from moving forward. When we start losing control in an area of our life that we have effectively run and handled, it produces fear in us because we cannot control the outcome. We cannot see the future. We feel we must be in control so that we can control how our lives will play out and feel more secure.

However, the problem with that mentality is that it won't truly overcome our fear. Things do happen beyond our control. And when it does, we still find ourselves battling the age old manipulation tool satan loves best - fear. Fear will always have control over us when we are in charge because we cannot see into the future to make the right decisions. We need deliverance from this fear. We need to discover fear's anecdote – surrendering to Love. Once we discover this elixir, it is medicine to our soul and produces peace and a sense of security that the world cannot take away.

Jesus Christ is our perfect Love. He lived a perfect life on earth and gave His life to save us. Giving ones life for someone else is the ultimate testimony of love. Jesus did this for us humanly so that thru Him, we could receive His divinity that will set us free.

From the onset of our creation, satan has strove to destroy our perception of who Jesus is and how God feels about us. He has been very successful in this endeavor. God's character has been so muddied up that not even Christians (who claim the name) really even know what God is about for them personally in their lives. They haven't truly understood God's love for them in their own lives and it's shown by how they treat others. The lie that satan uses most is making us feel that we don't have to mistrust ourselves, that we really do know what's best. That's the lie that got Eve into trouble “Doubt God and trust your own judgment, Eve”, satan virtually said.

Overcoming fear in our lives requires three things: Recognizing Jesus as the perfect Love for you personally, distrusting self and its emotions, and surrendering to Love.

By starting your walk with Him daily and putting His direction for you in action, you will prove Him out. You will begin to see His provision and watch care. By spending time with Him daily to understand His love for you will increase your awareness of Him in your life and will enable you to trust His judgment and that His love will truly not fail you.

Deliverance over fear is all about daily surrendering self and trusting Jesus in its place as our perfect Love that guides us. When you experience Jesus' presence in your life, you know that you are not in charge and that will bring you peace, not fear. Because now you've learned the elixir to fear and Jesus' control of your life will destroy that fear and fill you with a peace that passes understanding and cannot be taken away unless you give it away.

May God lead you today to cast your daily fears at His feet for deliverance. You will experience the lasting peace that can only come from Him.

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