

MAY 22

“ASSURANCE IS LOOKING AT WHAT GOD HIMSELF DID FOR US.”

READ

1 John 4:18

If you're saved, you're not afraid of Christ's return. You live from one day to the next in His victory, and if this is the day, "Hallelujah!" If not, you serve Him anyway. You know you're saved. You can be assured of it. Assurance is looking at what God Himself did for us. John talks about a perfect love that casts out fear. That perfect love is not my perfect love for God, it's His perfect love for me. You'll never have perfect love. It's His perfect love that lets you live a fearless life. All you have to do is look at the goodness of God from the beginning to see this love. God created a man and a woman, put them in a perfect place and gave them everything but one tree. The enemy slithered in and used their flesh, their sight, their mind to lure them into disobeying God. They hid because they were naked and ashamed. That's what sin does. But we see what perfect love does: At that moment when they couldn't cover themselves, God made tunics of skin to cover them. Death had never been seen, and God Himself sheds blood to cover their shamefulness. That's the gospel. God put His Son on the cross and His blood covers our sin and shame. That's perfect love.

PRAY

God, You're are a perfect Heavenly Father. You are perfect in all Your ways. You provided the perfect sacrifice and You keep us in perfect peace. Your perfect love casts our fear. I praise You for it.

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