

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**Repent and believe.**

If you will turn away from your life of sin and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior then you will no longer have to live in fear. "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:18 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7



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**What are you afraid of?**

Some people take pride in thinking that they are not afraid of anything, when if the truth be told, we are all afraid of something. Fear can be a good thing. It keeps us from acting recklessly and harming ourselves and others. Surveys reveal that the number one fear people have is public speaking while the fear of death comes in second.

**We should not fear man.**

Are you afraid of what others might think of you? Having a fear of man can cause you to do things you would never otherwise do. It can lead you to pretend to be something you are not. Man certainly has the capability of causing us harm, but we should never allow ourselves to be consumed with fear of what others might think or do to us. The Bible is God's Word and tells us in Proverbs 29:25 *"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe."*

**We should not fear the future.**

Some people live in fear of what will happen next. Most of the things we are afraid will take place, never happen. Life is filled with choices which have consequences. If we will choose what is good and right today then it will help to make our future a better one. God says in Deuteronomy 30:19 *"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."*

**We should fear God.**

With all the fears people have about so many things, it is surprising that many have no fear of God. I am not referring to being afraid of God as if He were a monster ready to devour us, but rather a reverence and honor for God. Proverbs 1:7 tells us that *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."* Is God speaking about you when he states in Romans 3:18 *"There is no fear of God before their eyes."?* If you have a fear of God then you should want to know more about Him, and what He expects from you. After all, you will stand before Him one day and be judged.

**We should fear Hell.**

This life is but a short moment compared to eternity. We should use the time we now have to prepare for it. *"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."* James 4:14 Man can take your physical life, but only God can cast you into hell. *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."* Matthew 10:28 If we die in our sins then hell will be our destination.

**We can be saved.**

If you will take the time to read the Bible then you will discover that God does not want you to live in fear, nor be afraid of Him. God loves you, and provided a way for you to be forgiven of your sins, and be saved from the fear of death and hell.