

PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR 1 JOHN 4:17–21 SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- I. God's Love Perfected: God's Love Fulfills Its Purpose (4:17a; 2:5; 4:12)

- II. God's Love Fulfills its Purpose Regarding Coming Judgment (4:17-18)
 - A. We Have Confidence for Judgment Day (4:17; 3:21-22)

 - B. His Love Perfected Casts Out Our Fear (4:18; Heb 2:14-15; 5:7; 2 Tim 1:7; Rom 8:14-15; Luke 12:4-5; John 5:24)

- III. God's Love Fulfills Its Purpose by Working Love In Us (4:19-21)
 - A. We Love Because He First Loved Us (4:19, 10-11)

 - B. We Love God By Loving One Another (4:20-21; 2:11; 3:10, 14-15, 17-18; Matt 25:34-40; John 15:17)

“The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.” —Oswald Chambers

“It is a false boast when anyone says that he loves God, and yet loves not God's image which is before his eyes.” —Calvin

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What does John mean when he speaks of God's love being perfected in us?
2. How ought the Christian to view judgment day? What about the unbeliever?
3. Why is love for one another required in order to love God?
4. What would you say to someone who claims to be a believer, but has no love for Christ's church?