



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

How many have little to no confidence in the Lord? Something happens and they question if God is punishing them for their past. No assurance, no forgiveness, but only doubting. Others are fearful of judgment that God will remember something against them, and they will be lost. This reveals their faith and understanding of Jesus and His covenant we are under. Still, others do not embrace that God resides in them through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, promised to us upon our baptism into Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. (Acts 2:37-39)

To be in Jesus and have very little confidence shows us the immaturity and lack of faith on our part. The same ones will say they believe in God but with all the doubting, they live in fear. They claim to be a child of God, yet shrink away when the idea of accountability before God is mentioned. This lack of confidence, assurance, and reality of faith, they really don't see the reality of the love of God for them. The very thing that draws us to God, is missing. Why should our families, neighbors, and co-workers trust in your God when you do not? Why would they believe that the offering of salvation through Jesus is so wonderful when we don't believe in it for ourselves?

"We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear; because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love." (1 John 4:16-18)

The relationship established between God and us is what establishes confidence within us. How trusting are you in the love of God? It's time to grow our faith and no longer live in fear but His love. Think about it!!!

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