

Men-Sharpen-Men
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Perfect Love and Fear

Scripture 1 John 4:18

NIV - 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.

KJV - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Questions:

- 1) As a teenager, what was your greatest fear in life? What is your greatest fear now? How does fear influence your life?
- 2) What "fear" is John talking about in 1 John 4:18?
- 3) What is perfect love? How does perfect love help us overcome fears? Can you give and receive perfect love? Or is perfect love only from God?
- 4) What does it mean to be made perfect in love?
- 5) Can you be imperfect, but still have perfect love?
- 6) What is the consequence of not being made perfect in love?
- 7) Do the NIV and KJV say the same thing? Is there a difference between punishment and torment? Based upon what we talked about today, which version (NIV or KJV) do you feel is more accurate?
- 8) Do you want perfect love? Are you there yet? How do we get there?

Additional Scripture for Discussion:

Jeremiah 17:7-8
1 Peter 2:2-3
2 Corinthians 5:21
Isaiah 53: 4-6
Ephesians 1:7
1 Peter 2:24