

# SPIRIT OF FEAR

## HOW GRACE DRIVES OUT FEAR

“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

### 1. What is Fear?

- a. Two definitions - We need less of one, more of the other; God is feared both ways
- b. 1. Anxiety, to be afraid, apprehension of impending evil – Psalm 23:4, Phil 1:14
- c. 2. Respect, to revere, to honor, humility – Eph 5:21, Rom 3:18, 13:7
- d. Spirit *def.* – intellectual vigor, temper-state of mind, eager desire (20 definitions)
- e. Let the Bible define the term when possible; English is sufficient

### 2. Fear Under Law

- a. The Mosaic law was an agreement to judgment – Lev 26:16
- b. Judgment brings fear – Psalm 119:120, John 16:8, Psalm 97:1-4
- c. The spirit of fear; like a disobedient child before a parent → Exodus 20:18-21
- d. Their solution? Walk in love. Nothing to fear. – Heb 12:25-29
- e. God is a consuming fire – Heb 12:29, Deut 4:24
- f. Perfect love casts out fear – 1 John 4:17-18

### 3. Fear Under Grace

- a. Timothy was timid of the afflictions – 2 Tim 1:7-9
- b. He needed encouragement through fear of opposition – 2Tim 1:12, 2:1, 4:1-2
- c. Our solution to fear is our position in Christ – Rom 5:1, 6:14, 8:2
- d. Peace comes from the spiritual mind – Rom 8:6
- e. We do not have the spirit of bondage to fear - Rom 8:15
- f. We are redeemed from the curse, we have nothing to be afraid - Gal 4:5-7
- g. So then, ... we serve God in humility → 2 Cor 7:1

### 4. Power, Love, and a Sound Mind

- a. Fear is overcome by a knowledge and respect towards God and the gospel
- b. Power: God has saved us – 2 Tim 1:8-9
- c. The power of God is the gospel → Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18
- d. The power of God works in us that believe – 1 Thess 1:5
- e. Be strong in the power of his might – Eph 6:10
- f. Strengthened according to his power - Col 1:11
- g. Love: Christ's love toward us – Rom 5:8, Rooted in love - Eph 3:17
- h. Love is not a companion of evil – Eph 4:15, 1 Cor 13:6
- i. Sound Mind: The doctrine is sound – 1 Tim 1:3, 10
- j. Hold fast to sound words – 2 Tim 1:13
- k. Ever learning and not able to come to the truth – 2 Tim 3:7
- l. They will not endure sound doctrine – 2 Tim 4:3
- m. The fear of death is gone – our strength is in grace - Heb 2:15, 1 Cor 15:55