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Fear of God,

1/ **respect**, == *recognition, regard, high opinion, admiration, reverence, deference, honor.*

2/ **reverence**, == *feel deep respect or admiration for*

3/ **piety** == *devotion, holiness, godliness, saintliness; great respect, reverence, faith, religious zeal.*

Proverbs 1: 7 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge:** but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

We have been taught by religious leaders that the term FEAR GOD as an unpleasant emotion, mixed feeling of dread and reverence. You know, God is gonna get you for that, he is standing there with a big stick just waiting for you to step out of line. NOTHING COULD BE MORE UNTRUE !!

God poured out all his wrath upon his only son (Jesus) at the cross of Calvary.

2Corinthians 5:21* **For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

1Thessalonians 1:10* **And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

Romans 5:9* **Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

1John 4:10* **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

1John 2:2* **And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

So you see, Jesus paid the price, through the cross, for all the sins, sicknesses and diseases and the wrath we deserve. When you come to Jesus and ask him for forgiveness and to

come into your heart, all God the father see's is Christ and paid in full. All he will ever show us, is love and never wrath. Mind you he will convict us of wrong doing **BUT** it is your own conscience that condemns you and **NOT GOD**.

Romans 8:1* **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

I lived 60 years of my life, believing that God loved me, but only as long as I didn't step out of line.

Revelation 3:19* **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.**

Rebuke and chasten in my pea brain (at the time) meant punishment. Example: *reproach, scold, admonish, reprove, chastise, upbraid, berate, take to task, criticize, censure; informal tell off, give someone a talking-to, give someone a dressing-down, give someone an earful, chew out, ream out; Instead of: *disapproval**

All the Spirit does is say was that necessary? or you shouldn't of said that or the like. When he speaks you immediately know what he's talking about and you feel terrible.

So you also immediately repent and just have to **SAY**, yes Lord your right, please forgive me and you return to the peace of God within you.

1John 1:9* **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Psalms 103:12 **As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

If you truly know and love the Lord, you know that to fear the Lord is to respect him, give him reverence and show him piety.

I trust this gives you a blessed understanding fear God.

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