

LIVING TOGETHER WITH HIM: NO FEAR (I Thess 5:9-11)

There is nothing irrational about a Christian feeling fear...

...but there is something irrational about Christians being shaped by fear!

Fear keeps us...

...emotionally immature

...relationally unproductive

...captive to the fallen voices

Fear may also serve as the sound God's voice makes calling us to look to Him and to be at home in His love

-Every child of God lives every moment together with Him

-Wherever we go, He is there

Living "Together with Him" secures for us a freedom from fear:

1) No Fear of Defeat

- Jesus Christ defeated sin – Heb 9:26; Ro 6:10

- Jesus Christ defeated Satan – Co 2:15; Rev 1:18

- Jesus Christ defeated death – Acts 2:24; I Thess 5:10

Easter: None of these can defeat Christ... nor any who “live together with Him” – II Cor 2:14

2) No Fear of Rejection

- Jesus Christ will not be rejected/condemned by His Father – Heb 10:12

Easter: Christ will never be rejected... nor any who “live together with Him” – I Thess 5:9; Ro 8:1

3) No Fear of Insignificance/Meaninglessness

- Jesus Christ contains all the fullness of deity – Co 2:9
- Where is He?

Easter: The life of Christ will never be insignificant/meaningless... nor any who “live together with Him” – Eph 1:18; Ro 8:28

4) No Fear of Abandonment

- Jesus Christ experienced “forsakenness” so the human race might not have to – Matt 27:46

Easter: The Father, Son, and Spirit will never forsake one another... nor any who “live together with them” – Heb 13:5; Ga 2:20

Mark 16:11, 13, 18 – Why are we still afraid to believe He is risen in us?