

Power, Love and a Sound Mind

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2nd Timothy 1:7 For God hasn't given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. kjv

It is said the word fear appears 365 times in scripture. One for every day of the year. I'm sure that just having the knowledge of this passage in 2nd Timothy alone could never remove fear from our life. Some would challenge us to just simply to stop being afraid. We all have anxiety and fear in one way or another; fear of death, losing your job, a child being sick, bad weather and so on. In this passage Timothy was admonished not to be afraid of the suffering that comes along preaching the gospel.

Some feel condemned when they experience anxiety and fear. They question the indwelling Holy Spirit. Some become even more fearful of losing salvation. I believe God's working in us all.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing that he which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the DAY of JESUS CHRIST. kjv

Salvation can be seen three ways. We're saved or justified from death, from guilt and from shame. This legal term justified is done once. Finished.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are you saved through faith. kjv

The new birth is real and finished and that is another form of our salvation. 1st

Peter 1:23 Being born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the word of God which lives and abide for ever. kjv

The other aspect of our salvation still yet to be completed at the day of the Lord. Resurrection day. kjv

Romans 13:11 And that knowing the time that now it's high time to awake out of sleep for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

This speaks of future salvation where we would be bodily resurrected into sinlessness and immortality.

Presently with the help of the Holy Spirit we are at warfare with the sin of anxiety and fear. I have overcome some measure of fear in my life by the help of Spirit. We are defeating fear here and there until the day of Christ. In that day we would be completely rid of fear for ever. Let us take courage and keep up

the good fight. Don't feel condemned when you experience fear every now and then. I just pray for God's help to be encouraged.

Fear not.