

**CouplesInBloom.com – Fear, Love, And Nothing**  
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From Genesis through Revelation, people who encountered God experienced deathly **fear** in the process. Besides the fact that *the fear of the Lord* is how knowledge, wisdom and holy understanding even start ⇨ Proverbs 9:10, it *must be embraced* and can be rejected ⇨ Proverbs 1:7-29. Besides the fact that the fear of the Lord gives long life ⇨ Proverbs 10:27, satisfaction ⇨ Proverbs 19:23, strong confidence, and a fountain of life ⇨ Proverbs 14:26-27, it also *is a very dreadful thing* ⇨ Isaiah 8:13. But **how?** And **why?**

By literal definition of His name, the “I AM”, God is the only self-existent one. God is beyond time ⇨ Ecclesiastes 3:11, Revelation 22:13. Christians *have* received eternal life by God’s grace, but unlike Him, we *had* a beginning... given by Him ⇨ Colossians 1:16.

God might be better understood by this mathematical equation  $1 \div 0 = \infty$ . There is **1** God with **0** no common denominator (nothing in common) with everything that exists, and who alone has no end *and* no beginning,  $\infty$  (infinity). Although we *were* created in God’s likeness ⇨ Genesis 1:26, and Jesus *is* God in human likeness, by nature God remains forever *exclusive in His existence* ⇨ Psalm 86:10, Deuteronomy 5:7, Luke 5:21.

Beyond human grasp, considering God inexcusably instills holy **fear** in us ⇨ Romans 1:20. Then, *greater than* the **fear** of the Lord is God’s **love**, *so strong* that it seems wrong ⇨ Romans 5:6-8... fully undeserved. Embracing God’s **love consummates / is one with** the **fear** of the Lord ⇨ 1 John 4:16-19; 2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 7:1.

Christianity is vibrant response to the **love** of God built on the **fear** of God, resulting in a heart where God has invited room to manifest the power of His Holy Spirit. Being Spirit-led ⇨ Isaiah 63:14; Romans 8:14, and walking in the Spirit ⇨ Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:1, means: embracing the overwhelming **fear** and **love** of God *at the same time*.

Besides the ultimate ecstasy of intimacy with God as the bride of Christ is the freedom of **nothing**: the wonderful realization that God is *everything*, and therefore: the most beautiful thing we can reciprocate to God is nothing. “**Nothing??**”, you ask? Understand:

- The **fear** of God brings: our receptivity to God’s Holy Spirit ⇨ Acts 9:31; Job 28:28.
- The **love** of God brings: the fruit of God’s Holy Spirit ⇨ Galatians 5:22-25.
- Our **nothing** / emptying ourselves as a whole-hearted lifestyle to be God’s passionate bride in glad response to the **fear** and **love** of God is exactly what God wants from us.

Christianity is not mere *components* of prayer! ⇨ Matthew 6:9-13; it is *desperation* for God proven by two-way intimacy with Him. *This* is when God will say, “*I know you*” ⇨ Matthew 7:21-23. Responding to the **fear / love** awareness with **nothing** on our agenda except to be with Him authenticates our Christianity. It is intimate relationship, not ritual.

God loves everybody ⇨ John 3:16, so why was **John** called **the disciple that Jesus loved?** ⇨ John 19:26, 21:7, 20. Those literal words for love are “agape” unconditional love, whereas John 20:2 ⇨ says Jesus loved Peter and another disciple with “phileo” brotherly love. **John chose to give Jesus** the **nothing** of waiting on Him ⇨ John 21:20. **Are you a disciple whom Jesus loves, as your way of life is to silently wait on Him?** ♥