

Deacon's Beacons

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There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 1 John 4:18

God is love. God is not about punishment. But God is also all just so He must require punishment or atonement for sin. So, rather than exacting punishment on His people, God chooses to accept the punishment Himself. That is love and it leads us out of fear and into love. What we used to call Fear of the Lord is now usually referred to as Wonder and Awe. It has far more to do with being in awe of God and His greatness than it does about fearing what He may do to us. If you are afraid of God, you do not understand His love for you.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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