

## “Having No Fear”

1 John 4:15-18

### NOTES

#### Scripture Refs

Deut. 6:4; Ps. 25:5; 90:2; Isa. 40:28; Matt. 24:46–51; Luke 10:5–6

John 3:16; 8:58; 13:34–35; 17:12,17; Acts 4:36; Rom. 8:16–17

1 Cor. 3:12–15; 15:58; Col. 2:8; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 10:24–25

James 1:2,12; 1 Pet. 4:7–11; 1 John 1:9; 2:19,28

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**Reflection & Discussion**

1. John places a strong emphasis on knowing correct doctrine.
  - a. List several passages in the Bible where God calls on His people to *know* and *proclaim* truth.
  - b. What (possibly) happens to believers who choose not to study the Bible, or who choose not to continually grow in their study.
  
2. An abiding believer will confess that Jesus is the Son of God.
  - a. How would you explain the meaning of “Jesus is the Son of God” to an unbeliever?
  - b. Why do you think John emphasizes this *Christology* as evidence of an abiding believer?
  
3. Consider verses 17 and 18 of 1 John 4:
  - a. Consider the call to *love becoming perfected in us*. What does it mean, and how do we achieve it?
  - b. What does John mean when he says “perfect love casts out fear”?
  - c. EXTRA CREDIT: Describe how some Christians might take verse 18 out of context?