

# **The Fear of the Lord is Christ in me, changing me and causing me to love Him and do His will, and so remain permanently in Him**

Ps 34:11 **Come, you children, listen to Me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

1. Come – yield my will to God. 2. Listen – hear Him with my heart. 3. If I do, He says He will teach me the fear of the Lord, that is, both what it is and then impart it to me. Why, what does the fear of the Lord have to do with me? How important is the fear of the Lord to me?

Jer 32:40 **...I will not turn away from doing them good (only God is good, Mk 10:18); but I will put My fear in their hearts (not our heads) so that they will not depart from Me.**

This is the everlasting (New) Covenant, in which God offers to continually (and only) do us good, good which He says is Him putting His fear increasingly in our hearts. What is the purpose of this? It's so that I will never depart from Him by doing my own will (sin), but will always remain in tender, childlike submission to Him, doing His will, and so remain in Christ.

What is the fear of the Lord? Here are a few truths to consider:

Pr 15:33 **The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom...** *Who is instructing?*

Isa 11:2-3 **...The Spirit of wisdom..The Spirit of...the fear of the Lord.** *What is wisdom?*

Pr 13:14 **The teaching (words) of the wise (God) is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death (to God).** *Notice the same words in the next chapter:*

Pr 14:27 **The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death (to God).** *So the fear of the Lord is God's word & Holy Spirit, Christ, in me.*

Two beautiful benefits and changes the fear of the Lord will bring or produce in me:

Pr 8:13 **The fear of the Lord is to hate evil** (sin)... *So He can teach us to die to it.*

Pr 19:23 **The fear of the Lord is life (God's life and nature, Christ, Heb 1:3), and those who have it will live satisfied; they will not be visited with evil.**

My eternal life and fruitfulness now and eternity with God hinge on whether or not I let God teach me what the fear of the Lord is and then give it increasingly to me so that I truly fear Him, or love Him. But to fear God does not mean I am afraid of God. "The fear of the Lord" is written intentionally in code and takes a tender, hearing heart that wants to know what it means, and a will that is willing to yield to Him to do His will, so the Holy Spirit can reveal it, and then increasingly give us more of His fear. If I do, He will put more of His living words in my heart and more of the power of His Holy Spirit in me, now causing me to never leave Him, because He is putting more of Himself in me, who can never depart from Himself.