

Fear of Disappointing God

Fearless Discussion 3

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God Promises US that WE Will Not Be Disappointed

- **Psalm 22:5**
- To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed.
- **Romans 5:5**
- and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- **Romans 10:11**
- For the Scripture says, “**WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.**”
- See also **Romans 9:33** and **1 Peter 2:6**

Our Fears of Disappointing God Need to be Replaced with

- Knowing
 - Unsaved Condition
 - What Happens when we are saved
- Believing
- Trusting (reliance) Him
- **It Is Well with My Soul** | Horatio G. Spafford
 - Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 - Let this blest assurance control,
 - That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 - And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 - My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
 - My sin, not in part but the whole,
 - Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
 - Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

What We Were vs. What We Are

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- 9 Or do you not know that the **unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 11 Such were some of you;
- **but you were washed,**
- **but you were sanctified,**
- **but you were justified**
- in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

We are Alive! We're Forgiven

Colossians 2:13

- 13 When **you were dead** in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He made you alive** together with Him,
- having forgiven us all our transgressions,

We are Freed!

Colossians 1:13

- 13 For
- **He rescued us**
 - from the domain of darkness,
and
- **transferred us**
 - to the kingdom of His beloved
Son,
 - 14 in whom we **have redemption**, the forgiveness of sins....



Our Debt is Cancelled!

Colossians 2:14

- **14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

Our Sins are Gone Away, Far Away!

Psalm 103:11-13

- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His loving-kindness toward those who fear Him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has **He removed** our transgressions from us.

Our Sins are Forgotten

Isaiah 43:24-25

- 24 “You have bought Me not sweet cane with money, Nor have you filled Me with the fat of your sacrifices; Rather you have burdened Me with your sins, You have wearied Me with your iniquities.
- 25 “I, even I, am the one who **wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.**

We are washed clean!

Isaiah 1:17-19

- 18 “Come now, and let us reason together,”
- Says the LORD,
- “Though your sins are as scarlet,
- They will be as white as snow;
- Though they are red like crimson,
- They will be like wool.

We are forgiven and Cleansed!

1 John 1:9

- **9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

We are at Peace with God!

Romans 5:1,9

- **Romans 5:1**
- Therefore, having been **justified by faith, we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- **Romans 5:9**
- Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God** through Him.



The Hostility is Gone!

Colossians 1:13

- 21 And although
- **you were formerly**
 - alienated and
 - hostile in mind,
 - engaged in evil deeds,
- 22 yet
- **He has now reconciled you**
 - in His fleshly body through death
- **in order to present you before Him**
 - holy and blameless and beyond reproach—



We Get To Start Fresh With God!

1 Cor. 5:17-18

- ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- ¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

Table Discussion

Counsel These People

- *TABLE 1*

- *"I deserve punishment, not mercy. My sin was so deliberate, so intentional, so rebellious, I fear God will never forgive me."*

- *TABLE 2*

- *"I am not worthy. How can God use me when I've only failed Him before?"*

- *Table 3*

- *God could never love someone like me. "God doesn't hear my prayers. I feel unclean, unholy, dirty, wicked, evil. I can't possibly approach God without first straightening up my act."*

- *Table 4*

- *I just can't shake these bad habits, I give up. I can never change.*

The Accuser is Defeated

Revelation 12:9-11

- 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,
- “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.