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Speaker-AM: Tyler Glidden

Title: Water

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Speaker-PM: Kraig Benney

Title: Let God Be True

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Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:21

God forbid: yes, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That you might be justified in your sayings...

—Romans 3:4



Articles

Fear God and None Else, 3/16/2025 By Sam Bunyard

The fear of the Lord is an often-overlooked virtue in today's religious world. In the minds of many, godly fear works against the concept of a gracious and loving Father. But in actuality, these concepts find perfect harmony in the character of God.

The fear of God does not live in constant worry and doubt. Rather, godly fear empowers the believer to greater faith and confidence! "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments" (Ps. 112:1)!

To fear God, in this sense, means to revere Him and take His authority seriously. If we are respecting His authority in this way, there is no need for us to be afraid in the emotional sense. Submitting to God's authority means victory over anything else that could be of concern to us!

The one who fears the Lord "will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established; He will not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies" (Ps. 112:7-8). "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4). "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Ps. 118:6)

The one who fears God need not fear any else! To one who has made Jesus their Lord, the enemies of sin and death have been defeated! Even those who are "accounted as sheep for the slaughter" in this life are not separated from the love of Christ (Rm. 8:31-39)! Jesus said, "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt. 10:28).

It is critical to have a healthy fear of God's authority – and if we fear God, we should fear none else!

Things We Are to Find, 3/16/2025 by Floyd Chappellear

The kingdom of God is likened unto a treasure hidden in a field, or to a lost coin whose owner searched diligently till she found it. Indeed, there is preciousness associated with the kingdom that warrants our seeking that we might find it.

- We need to find the yoke of rest in Christ Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30). Our increasingly complex and difficult world has left many thousands without hope, perplexed, and on the verge of suicide. There is relief in God's safe haven, Jesus Christ, which can be found nowhere else.
- There is a pasture which provides sustenance when we go in and out to feed in it (John 10:9). The spiritual nourishment provided by God will ease the discomfort brought on by a spiritually bankrupt world.
- There is God's grace, which is found in Christ (Hebrews 4:16). God does not want any to be lost and has provided His avenue of salvation to all who will seek Him.