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We have not been given a spirit of fear, on: 2018/4/18 14:13

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

When we suffer for His sake brothers and sisters and rejoice in the midst of it, then we disarm principalities and powers. We "prove," to that old ancient liar that this is exactly what he is and we do it all by the indwelling power of the risen Christ. He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind. His perfect love demonstrated through us casts out all fear and makes a public spectacle of principalities and powers. It diametrically opposes their lie that force must be met with force, that evil must be rendered for evil for good to triumph. Jesus overcame them on the cross and He cried out to His Father to forgive His enemies. The first martyr Stephen cries out even as He was being cruelly stoned, that this would not be held against the ones stoning Him. This is the power of God that breaks ancient chains of evil and establishes the witness of Christ to the world and to the principalities and powers.

You have been called to this brothers and sisters and it is a high and noble calling. It is a calling that requires our old man and woman to die. For in the flesh we are no different from anyone else in the world. We would simply be frail creatures who could laugh only when the going is good, who could be happy only in the midst of prosperous circumstances and who could praise God only as long as He "blesses" us. Yet in this higher ground that we have been called to, we praise God not only from the mountaintops but from the lowest valley's. We praise God whether we walk as free men on this earth or enchained with fetters of iron. We praise God for better or for worse. We praise God in sickness and in health, we praise God whether rich or poor.

We who love our spouses know that this is our commitment to them, we who love God know that His calling is on another level altogether. The marriage of the flesh is one thing and it is noble, the marriage of the spirit is high and lifted up and it is holy. We are one flesh in our marriages. We are one spirit in Jesus and when we walk according to that spirit we walk in power and in love and with a perfect peace that triumphs over principalities and powers for all the world to see. Your life is the light that draws the world to Jesus.....bro Frank

Re: We have not been given a spirit of fear - posted by CofG (), on: 2018/4/18 18:35

Great teaching right from the Sermon on the Mount!

Re: , on: 2018/4/19 0:25

Thank you Robert.....bro Frank

Re: We have not been given a spirit of fear - posted by Lysa (), on: 2018/4/19 7:17

Good one brother Frank! We have become too attached to this world. If we can keep our eyes on the prize that this world is NOT our home, we are passing through on to our true home for all eternity, there will be no fear leaving it behind.

God bless you brother!
Lisa

Re: , on: 2018/4/19 15:55

Lisa writes.....

"We have become too attached to this world."

I think that is so true and may be the foundations of most of our troubles in the church.....bro Frank