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**Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 180**

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His driving love**. **1 John 4:18**, *“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not mad perfect in love.”*

The Greek for *drives out* is **ballei** which means *to cast out, pour out or thrown away*. Perfect love can only come from one source. It can only come from the only One Who is perfect, the Lord Himself. When we realize His love for us, everything changes. What used to bring fear into our lives now brings joy. We once were afraid of death because we knew as sinners, we would be cast out of His presence. But once we understood perfect love and trusted in Jesus as our Savior, a new life began. We are not driven by our fears and failures any longer; but instead we are driven by our faith. The fear of punishment, separation and eternal Hell is gone; the joy of salvation, sanctification and glorification have now come.

Paul addresses this as well in **1 Thess. 4:13**, *“But we don not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as those who have no hope.”* For everyone, who has come to Jesus for salvation, everything has changed. Our hearts have changed, our thoughts have changed and our destination has changed. We were on the road to Hell, but now we are on our way to Heaven!! Why? It is all because of His love. His perfect love. **Rom. 5:8**, *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

**Dear Father, You are perfect love. You love us no matter what we’ve done or who we are. You just love us with no strings attached. Thank You Father. In Jesus Name, Amen**