

GOD'S ANTIDOTE TO FEAR: Jesus
Matthew 28:5

My brothers and sisters when you're ill, usually you go to the doctor for an antidote which brings relief. We feel that today we have a serious illness and are in need of an antidote.

Because my brothers and sisters we're less than seven months into a very troubling year. The stock market is down, the housing market is down, and unemployment is up. Many people entering our churches this year will have been seriously hampered by the economy and will have seen their savings accounts and 401K's take a nosedive over the past year, to year and a half and their homes aren't worth as much as they were last year. Do you believe me?

But also my brothers and sisters because many people are out of work they're scared, and a lot of people think that we are in the end times mentioned in the Bible. But I declare only GOD knows for sure when the end times will come. Amen! Do you believe me?

My brothers and sisters because of their fears people are ready for the gospel more now than most years; they are ready to hear what the Jesus message has to say about these fears. But church how can people of GOD relieve these fears? Because my brothers and sisters it's not easy to reassure someone who is in doubt, about the message of Jesus Christ. But how can we try? AMEN!

Well we can begin by asking, what were the first words the angels said after Jesus arose from the dead? "Fear ye not"! What were the first words that Jesus said after he arose from the dead? "**Don't be afraid**"! And what were the first words that the Savior said to the disciples when he met them as a group, "**Don't be afraid**"! Amen! Thank God!

My brothers and sisters the message of Jesus is "**Don't be afraid,**" and is just as relevant today as it was some 2000 years ago. Do you believe me? Amen! Just as relevant for our fears today as it was for those who feared death like Jesus during his time, because the fear of death to them was real. So church does the same fear grip us, because Jesus said that we too must pay the price to follow in His path, when we follow his lead by walking in his foot steps. Do you believe me?

But my brothers and sisters what we call fear has many names; some call it worry, some call it tension, some call it anxiety and others call it stress. There was one study that looked at 500 different people and discovered 7000 different fears, an average of 14 different fears a piece. Can you imagine such a thing?

Church this is not a minor issue; it's absolutely critical, that we help people find peace in their fearfulness. I hear you asking me how you can help with this problem and why you should help others solve their fear problems.

I also hear you asking me why we should help someone who is scared and fearful. Well church because fear is contagious, because it's debilitating, because it's limiting, and finally because it's the dark room in the mind where negativity develops in our lives, and where we can be destroyed by letting Satan gain a foothold into our bodies.

And my brothers and sisters most importantly, because GOD doesn't want us to be afraid. Ephesians 3:12 reads "In Christ we can come before GOD with freedom and without fear. We can do this through faith in Christ." Amen! Thank God!

SO my brothers and sisters in order to help people overcome fear. We must lead them to make three decisions during this Jesus seasons in their lives, remember that we are only given three score and ten, and they are first:

We must teach the good and bad to begin to accept GOD'S love for us "Where God's love is, there is no fear because God's perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). The Bible says the opposite of love is fear, and the opposite of fear is love.

Therefore love and fear cannot exist together, because my brothers and sisters when love comes in the front door fear dives out the backdoor. Love my brothers and sisters then is the antidote to fear. If we possess love fear runs. Do you believe me! Amen! Thank God!

Our deepest need in life is to feel absolutely, totally and unconditionally loved, not for something we could be or should be, but loved just as we are. Every person who walks into our churches this year should feel that they are loved unconditionally. Thank God by us because God already does totally love them!

My brothers and sisters they should be told that we were created just so God could love us. And that he knows every thing about us and that he wants us to know him and to love him back. That's why he sent Jesus Christ to live a perfect life, to die on the cross for us, and to rise again. That's what Jesus is all about. Amen Thank God!

The second thing is that we must begin to believe that Jesus died and rose for us. That he really did rise, and that he did ascend into Heaven to wait for the time to come and call us back unto him. Do you believe me?

Its one thing to believe ABOUT something; it's another thing to believe IN something. Its one thing to believe about a person; and it's another thing to believe in a person. There are a lot of people who believe that God is real. I say so what! Believing in Jesus' death and resurrection should be more than just head knowledge. It must be heart felt and head belief. Do you believe me? Amen Thank God!

My brothers and sisters *Matthew 2:14-15* (NLT) says: About Joseph, "When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: "Only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil. Who had the power over death and only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying."

We all know that people don't like to talk about dying and death. They don't even like the word death. I wonder why? Maybe it's the through of the here and fear of the after, because they are not ready to meet God in person. The only way to be ready to meet God is to have a relationship with the Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

When you believe what Jesus said about the future then you can stop being fearful of death. That's part of the good news of Jesus. "I go to prepare a place for you and if I go I will return and call you unto me." Amen Thank God!

The last thing is that; we must begin to turn our fears and life over to Jesus. Many people put trust in the wrong places. They've placed their trust in money, in their possessions like houses, cars, jobs and such in an attempt to use their natural ability to make money.

But my brothers and sisters that's called idolatry; placing trust in anything other than God violates the first commandment: "you shall have no other gods before me." Anytime people let this happen, they're making something else into a god and when something of this world becomes more important than GOD, fear is sure to come.

My brothers and sisters, we must remember that when the number one goal in a person's life is making money, he or she will develop a fear of loosing it all. When success is the most important thing, a fear of failure will develop too. If we can get people to think about what scares them, there's a good chance we can help them discover what it is competing with GOD in their lives.

1 Peter 3:14-15 says, "Don't be afraid of anything and don't worry, but have reverence for Christ in your heart and honor him as Lord", this is the good news. Amen Thank God!

My brothers and sisters the only real antidote to the fear that people are facing today is a real commitment to Jesus Christ. When we make him Lord and Master of our lives, we won't have to fear losing anything. He will become the only person that we will ultimately have to please. AMEN Thank God!

My brothers and sisters that's the freedom people are looking for this year in Jesus Christ and is it what you are looking for, it sure is what I'm looking for. Amen thanks God!

That first year of our risen Lord changed the world for ever and nothing has been the same since. Even secular historians will admit that whatever happened on that first morning, the history of the world changed forever.

Church This year people are crying out for the power of the living GOD in their lives, the kind of power that can only be gotten through the cross of Jesus Christ. This

kind of power is what people were looking for on that first morning. So my brothers and sisters today we need to look back to that day. The Church needs to carry people back to pure Christology where Jesus comes first in our lives not for show and because a man says so but because the Bible And our Lord and Savior say it was so.

We need to take people back by the Old Rugged Cross one more time, so it can have value in their lives and so they will know its value in their lives is the death, resurrection and accession of Jesus.

We need to take them to the announcement that Jesus is alive, that he is raised so they will know his love for us is real.

We need to take them back to the upper room to see his hands, his feet, his side and his beaten up and broken body for us.

We need to tell them that death is no longer our destiny because of the price Jesus paid.

We need to tell them that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to comfort us in our fears.

That He is with us in that spirit .That He is with us so have no fear.

Church Jesus is still saying to us, **“don’t be afraid”**, He is still saying “I told you that I would be with you until the end of the ages,” I didn’t go back on my word. “Lo I will be with you day by day until the end of the age.”

Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in GOD, believe also in ME. Amen!
Thank God!

Church Jesus Christ is the best medicine I have ever taken .He drove away my fears and turned my dark nights into light filled days. He will do the same for you when you let Him have complete control of your life. AMEN Thank GOD!

God promises us that his word will not go out and return to him void, do you believe it? Have no fear become dangerous for Jesus by showing up Satan and his fear, and he will flee from you. Amen Thank GOD!