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## ***Essential Christianity: When I Believe in God's Love, I Experience Transformation***

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<sup>17</sup> **By this** is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

What I Want: Confidence on Judgement Day

What I Want to Get Rid of: Fear

### **Knowing Jesus Transforms the Way I Look at Life and Death**

*(Matthew 5:22, 29; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; 10:15; 11:22–24; 12:36–42; John 5:22–30)*

The Word “Hell” (Gehenna) Is Used 12 Times in the NT

To Sum Up the Bible's Teaching on Judgement...

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,”  
***Hebrews 9:27, ESV***

A Christian Essential: God is Just – God is Love

Key Word: Grace

<sup>17b</sup> “because as he is so also are we in this world”

1. If I Am in Christ, I Have Been Transformed into A Child of God
2. The More I Abide in Christ – The More I Know and Experience Love
3. Knowing and Experiencing God's Love Daily Is Now Generalized on To the Rest of My Life

4. The More I Know and Experience God's Love, I Am Able to Share That Love with Others

**Grace: How Perfect Love Casts Out Fear**

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Is Your World A Safe Haven?

Do You Have A Secure Base?

1. I Cannot Thrive When I Don't Feel Safe

**3 Kinds of People:**

Victims

Survivors

Thrivers

2. Love is the Cure for Insecurity

Faith Is Best Expressed in Insecurity

3. The More I Get to Know Jesus, The More I Realize What It Is to Be Set Free!

4. God's Love Is Unconditional. It's Mine for The Taking

“Love Is Perfected Not When It Is Sinlessly Flawless,  
But When It Passes from Talk to Walk.” – Piper