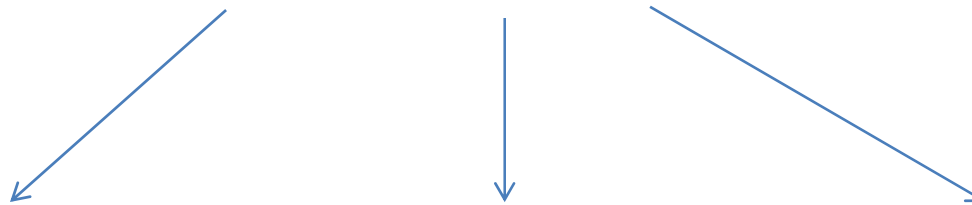


Christianity is a
Relationship with God



Salvation

Eph 2:8-10

Fellowship

John 13:8

Growth – S.G.

Acts 20:27-32

#1: Salvation

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved (ἐστε σεσωσμένοι) through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, that no one should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

#2 Fellowship with Christ – Jn 13:8-10:

Peter said to Him, "Never (οὐ μὴ . . . εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα) shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me (οὐκ ἔχεις μέρος μετ' ἐμοῦ)."

⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed (ὁ λελουμένος) needs only to wash (νίψασθαι) his feet, but is completely clean (καθαρὸς ὅλος); and you are clean (ὕμεῖς καθαροί ἐστε),

#3: Spiritual Growth = Supergrace

Acts 20:27-32 "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. . . . ³² "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up (τῷ δυναμένῳ οἰκοδομῆσαι) and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Life of David (59)– Fear, Reversionism, and Friendships, 1 Sam 20:3-14

אַבְטָח = Bible
Doctrine

FAITH

or

FEAR?

אַיֶרָא = Rejection of
God's Word =
Reversionism

Which will you choose?

A. FEAR AND REVERSIONISM



1. David's rejection of God's Word → acceptance of false doctrine → reversionism.

2. God has not given us a spirit of fear, 2 Tim 1:7:

For God has not given us a spirit of timidity (πνεῦμα δειλίας), but of power and love and discipline (σωφρονισμοῦ)

- πνεῦμα : spirit, the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of anyone; the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire.

- σωφρονισμοῦ: rationality, prudent, lack of hubris, power of reason, sensible

A. FEAR AND REVERSIONISM

3. The only thing the believer should ever fear is reversionism:

Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest (κατάπαυσιν), anyone of you should seem to have come short of it.

4. God is for you and stronger than anyone or anything against you:

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us (ὕπὲρ ἡμῶν), who *is* against us (τίς καθ' ἡμῶν;)?

A. FEAR AND REVERSIONISM

5. God has already given you the best:

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare (ἐφείσατο) His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely (χαρίσεται) give us all things?

6. Christ has delivered you from enslavement to the fear of death:

Hebrews 2:14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵ and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

A. FEAR AND REVERSIONISM

- 7. Fear destroys the spiritual life of the believer and eventually leads to mental disorders, cp. Saul.**
 - Fear keeps believer from executing the Plan of God.
 - Fear chokes and kills dreams and creativity
 - Fear is a learned behavior and therefore can be unlearned.
 - Fear keeps believers from being great men and women of God ---as it keeps them from having great thoughts and doing great things.
 - Fear creates phobias, paranoia, focus on self as victim
 - Fear is how Satan controls the world and sabotages the believer's spiritual life .

A. FEAR AND REVERSIONISM

8. The believer's lack of fear is a testimony of the believer's ultimate victory over enemies of God:

- **Philip 1:28**, "Likewise in no way be intimidated (μὴ πτυρόμενοι) by your enemies which to them is a manifestation of their destructive ways, but with reference to you, deliverance, in fact, this is from the source of God."

9. Lifestyle of fear is a lifestyle of rejection of Bible doctrine, cp. Exodus generation:

- **2 Corinthians 5:7** for we walk by faith, not by sight--⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

A. FEAR AND REVERSIONISM

10. Lifestyle of rejection of Bible doctrine = lifestyle of false doctrine.

11. Lifestyle of false doctrine = reversionism

12. Reversionism = lack of respect of God's Word.

13. The only solution for the reversionist is to get back to the absolutes of Bible doctrine.

14. The darkness in David's soul as illustrated by his attitude to POG and his best friend can only be removed by returning to BD.



15. The solution to fear is always trust in God in the context of respect/awe for God's Word, Psa 56:3-4.

Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise (אֶהְלֵל), In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can *mere* man do to me?

אֶהְלֵל: Helel=shining one, shine with joy, rejoice, praise, deeply thankful, the joy a person experiences as a result of appreciation of God; Piel = intensive; imperfect = his resolve.

FEAR

False Evidence Appearing Real
2 Timothy 1:7

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← אֶבְטַח - Batach: cling to, hold fast to, body slam, tight grip, trust, cleave, clutch with both arms

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בְּטַח

- a. David's unique use of Batach
- b. "When I am afraid. . ."
- c. The issue of fellowship and trust
- d. Batach, the secret of blessedness, security, confidence, boldness, and inner peace
- e. Faith/trust is the key in salvation, fellowship, and spiritual growth, Rom 1:17.

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בְּטִיחַ

f. To not live in fear without trust in God is heedlessness.

g. The issue is focus on God instead of the dangers all the while in the midst of the dangers, Psa 16:8.

h. The issue is to lean all of your weight on God for support. More than an abstract concept.