

May 27, 2018
“Why Am I Afraid?”
(Romans 8:14-17)

_____ is one of the most common characteristics of what it means to be _____.

According to the National Institute of Health, the number 1 problem in America is _____.

3 things:

#1. – It is a terrible thing to _____ in fear.

Robert Burton: *“They that live in fear are never free.”*

Living in fear is the ultimate form of _____.

Romans 8:15 – “The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship...”

#2. – Notice that this message is addressed to _____.

St. Paul is not speaking to the world, but to the _____.

The opposite of faith is not _____; the opposite of faith is _____!

Fear _____ reality.

The acronym for FEAR = **F** - _____
E - _____
A - _____
R - _____

When we fear, we have a false view of _____.

(over)

It is fear that **blinds** us and **binds** us – Blinds us to our _____ and binds us to the _____ we’ve always known.

We don’t talk often about the _____ of faith, but there is risk involved.

We have far too many _____ saints!

We have far too many believers who refuse to live out their _____!

#3. – Notice the ultimate cure for fear is _____.

If fear is the opposite of _____, then the reverse must be true as well....the opposite of faith is _____!

Mark 9:23 – “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

How do we let go of our fears?

We do it by moving from being _____ to being _____ and _____ of God!

Many of us need to make a commitment to living _____ for Christ!

When you find yourself afraid, remember this chorus:

**Doubt sees the obstacles; Faith sees the way.
Doubt sees the darkest night; Faith sees the day,
Doubt dreads to take a step; Faith soars on high.
Doubt questions, “Who believes?” Faith answers, “I.”**

Are you living out your adoption as a child of God?

We are no longer slaves to fear!