

Teenagers afraid of being
found out - guilt
Creates fear.

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There are 365 "Fear Not's" in
Bible - one for every day of ~~year~~ "year."

"This Way to Happiness" - Holmes

I. DON'T BE AFRAID OF LIFE

White Cross

Parents
afraid of what
children might
become -

I am the first and the last, and the Living One".

People ^{more} afraid to live more than die - suicide rate increasing.

600 a day in U.S.

greater in
US -
negroes rarely
commit suicide

1. Jesus did two things to quell John's fear - 1. "His
right hand and fear not."

Swindle rate
among teenagers climbing

(1) Right hand, hand of favor and of power, supporting
the weak, lifting up the fallen, giving strength to those
who have no strength.

John: "I'm got so many
wounds if I got a new
one, be two weeks for
it to get around
to it."

a. When Christ ministered to the needy, put His
hands upon them. blind, deaf - even leper - Matt. 8
'a' leper "and Jesus put forth his hand and touched
him." That gesture was half the cure. That leper
had forgotten what the warm pressure of a human hand
felt like. - Christ will touch the untouchable.

Clayton when Don died - just the touch of a hand

b. Hand on John - He is still the same. He has
not changed. The outward glory has changed, but
His nature, his heart, is still the same.

2. Fear Not. - familiar word of Jesus. During earthly
life of Jesus, His always banished fear when He met it.

X didn't say, "Fear not."

- Here a \$1,000,000
- Here a miracle drug
- Here a ^{truth} it is I

(1) Message to Mary from angel

(2) When called Peter - "fear not."

Don't be afraid, will be

(3) Matthew 10:26 of enemies vs. 31 - God's protection

(4) Luke 8:50 fear not sickness

(5) Luke 12:32 - fear not - for necessities of life.

(6) Rev. 2:10 fear not suffering for Christ's sake.

-- Never any need to fear when Jesus is present.

Known
The presence of Jesus always banished fear

Fear dissipated like a ^{dispelled} isp of smoke -

after resurrection -
"it is I, fear not."

paid taxes w/
coin from fish's
mouth - need
whale today

I am a + g = when writing a letter
you don't need to go outside
alphabet

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3. "Fear Not" (The Key) - I am first and last." I am here, don't be afraid."

a. This is the promise of Jesus that He is there at the beginning and the end. He is there at the moment of birth and at the time of death. He is there when we set out upon the Christian way, and He is there when we finish our course. He is there when we lay our hands to any task for Him, or for men, (I am with you always), He is there when we complete it.

not his presence, but knowledge of it *Annulding his presence* *fear*

b. "I am the last." when all the kings of the earth sleep in the dust of the ground and their power has passed away, when all the enduring monuments of the earth have turned into the mists that the morning sun drives away, when all of the great of the earth sleep in the grave - "I am the last."

If you could see Jesus in flesh, wouldn't fear.

Use at Cmelm 2#3

Illustration: Julian the Apostate, a nephew of the Roman Caesar Constantine, was reared in a Christian family. But in his youth renounced Christian faith, embraced paganism. When became emperor in 361AD, he sought to blot out Christianity. While leading a humble Christian to his death, one of Julian's subjects asked - "and where is your death, carpenter God now?" "He's building a coffin for your and Emperor." And He was for in 363, Julian died on battlefield, facing a Persian army. One of the most famous incidents of history is this: As they carried the emperor off the field and as he lay dying, he lifted his eyes to heaven and cried, "Oh, Galilean, thou hast conquered."

Devil doesn't want the Key to his own house -

c. That is why Jesus is able to say to us - "Be of good cheer (That's the opposite of fear), for I have overcome the world."

Don't look Luther 24

d. There are 365 "fear-nots" in the Bible - One for everyday in the year.

Jesus makes life livable

1 John 4:15 - "I dwell in him"

V.16 - "I is love."

V.18 - "perfect love casteth out fear."

Control it changed it. Only need it
me sleep I don't to stop from
1- Temporary
2- Waking

II. DON'T BE AFRAID OF DEATH is not death. We fall asleep
of this house of clay for

"I was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, amen; and have the keys of hell and death."

I don't think I'll ever get used to death.

(1) Death is a horrible spectacle. All the poetry, songs, flowers cannot cover the horrible, decadent visage of death.

*The last enemy,
final, hardest
to defeat.*

(1) God calls death an enemy. It is an intruder. It was not planned.

(2) A hostile king which man can't overthrow, a black journey from which no traveler ever returns, an infinite debt that must be paid.

(3) Impartiality of death, knocking at Palace door and cottage gate.

(4) If he has not visited your house, look down the road - we shall not escape.

2. Christ says - "Fear Not - "I have the keys of death." Death has its gates (Psa. 9:13; 107:18; Isa. 38:10) and Christ has the keys of these gates.

*3 reasons
1- X Controls death*

(1) The keys are a symbol of authority, of control, of possession and of government - As terrible as it is, death is not allowed to run riot without control. Nothing happens by chance. All history lies in the elective purpose of God and under the review of heaven. Death is in the hands of God.

*Devil doesn't have
the keys to
his own
house -
Devil looks in
for keys*

(2) Death moves only in the permissive will of heaven. The issues of death lie in the hands of God. Christ holds the key to that door and no man enters it unless our Christ shall open it.

(3) When you die is known to Him. How you die is known to Him.

(4) If it is not His will you die, you won't, tho in thick of Viet Nam. If it is His will you die, you will though sleeping in your bed.

III. of Paul on ship to Rome.

*We don't need to fear
X's will - He has
already proved His
love for us.*

III. DON'T BE AFRAID OF ETERNITY

"alive for evermore ... keys of hell (hades)."

1. The strange reaction of John - instead of ecstatic joy and bliss, fear. Why?

(1) He is looking upon unveiled deity. In day of flesh, He was veiled. But now, sees God in flesh, resurrected, glorified.

(2) John could look undaunted upon throne of Jasper, emerald rainbows, 7 lamp burning before throne of God, crystal seas, doors of heaven.

(3) But now He is looking upon the Ancient of Days, whose countenance shone like sun, looking into eyes of Judge of all the earth, eyes that burn like fire - fall at feet as dead.

2. The fear of meeting face to face the exalted Judge of Earth.

(1) Rev. 6 - fear so great, call for rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from His face

(2) Rev. speaking of that Judge on Throne says, "from whose face heaven and earth fled away."

3. "Keys of hell" - of Hades - the unseen world, the world of men's souls and of heavenly spirits, the world on the other side of the grave

Conclusion:

Story of boys playing outside haunted house!

"See, there's nothing to be afraid of."

(1) not ghenna here but hades. Whether souls are damned and in torment or glorified and in heaven, Christ is King of all.

(2) He has the keys - so we are safe forever.

(3) "The keys" is plural in order to convey the idea that the double power is referred to, namely to keep from hell and to consign to hell.

Christ has the double power to save from and to consign to.

Come on over, you can meet it

Beloved Disciple
third head on
bosom of X.

Mute witness to
Satan's rebellion;
lightly pierced
hell chained angels
all - 7 levels, Sodom,
Famine in Jerusalem -
matches at 6,000,000
Hitler - But at
this, we flee in
terror.

4. The unseen world is a good name for it. We fear what we can't see, what we don't know, but from that unseen world Jesus says, "Fear Not."

"The Rose Beyond the Wall"

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed, fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept, with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride,
And follow the light through the crevice length,
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view,
Were found the same as they were before,
It lost itself in beauties new,
Bathing its fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,
And make our courage faint or fall?
Nay, let us faith and hope receive.
The rose still grows beyond the wall.

Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forever more.