i. Christ's righteousness for our sin.

IV. How do we begin to put on the fear of God?

- We are not merely attempting to "find solutions" to our fear of man but are seeking after a deeper fear of the Lord.

A. Meditate on the Gospel!

B. Study the character of God.

C. Repent of pride.

Additional Resources:
Ed Welch, *When People are Big and God is Small*
John Murray, *The Fear of God: The Soul of Godliness*
J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*
John Piper, *Desiring God*
John Piper, *God is the Gospel*

Next Week: ***How do we fear man? We fear that people will physically hurt us.***

Core Seminars—Fear of Man
Class 2: The Fear of God

"The basic idea behind the fear of the Lord, is much broader than our modern understanding of fear. While the holiness of God will leave many knees knocking when Jesus comes again, a mature fear of the Lord is more akin to awe, devotion, and worship. It is a response that says, 'Your glory is irresistible.' 'In your presence, nothing else matters. You are all that I desire.' Furthermore, it is a response that is active. It does something. It is not simply a passive devotion; it follows Christ in obedience. It searches out his will and can't wait to do it."—Ed Welch, *Addictions*

I. Introduction

Fear of God defined –

II. We Were Designed to fear God (Gen. 1:26-27)

A. Why fear God?

Ps. 2:11—It is at the heart of what it means to serve the Lord
Ps. 27:1—The Lord is our salvation
Ps. 76:7—No one can stand before God's anger
Ps. 89:7—He is more awesome than all that surround Him
Ps. 90:11—His wrath is equal to the fear He deserves
Ps. 96:4—He is to be feared above all other gods (including people)
Ps. 111:10/Prov. 1:7—Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge
Ps. 115:11—He is a help and shield to those who fear Him.
Ps. 115:13—He will bless those who fear Him
Ps. 118:4—His love endures forever

B. What those who fear the Lord look like

Ps. 22:23—They give praise.
Ps. 86:11—They are teachable and have an undivided heart
Ps. 119:63—They follow His precepts

Ps. 119:74—They hope in the Word
Ps. 119:79—They understand His statutes
Ps. 119:120—They stand in awe of God's laws
Ps. 128:1—They walk in His ways
Prov. 1:29—Not demonstrated by those who hate knowledge
Prov. 3:7—Not being wise in your own eyes (humility)
Prov. 8:13—Hatred of evil
Prov. 14:2—Their walk is upright

C. What the fear of the Lord is.

Ps. 19:9—Pure and enduring forever
Ps. 33:8—Something all in the world should do
Ps. 36:1—Something the wicked do not do
Ps. 64:9—Something all will ultimately do
Prov. 31:30—It is not characterized by deceptive charm or fleeting beauty

D. The result(s) of fearing God.

Ps. 23:4—Triumph over fear of evil
Ps. 25:14—The Lord confides in those who fear Him
Ps. 27:3—Not fearing physical harm
Ps. 31:19—God's goodness is poured out on those who fear Him
Ps. 33:18—The Lord's eyes are on those who fear Him
Ps. 34:4—Deliverance from lesser fears
Ps. 34:9—Lacking nothing
Ps. 40:3—Living in the fear of the Lord will encourage others to do likewise
Ps. 60:4—Protection
Ps. 85:9—Salvation
Ps. 103:11—The magnitude of His love for those who fear Him
Ps. 103:13—His Fatherly compassion is upon those who fear Him
Ps. 103:17—His love is everlasting to those who fear Him
Ps. 111:5—He provides food to those who fear Him
Ps. 130:4—There is forgiveness to those who fear Him
Ps. 145:19—Desires are fulfilled for those who fear Him
Ps. 147:11—The Lord delights in those who fear Him
Prov. 10:27—Adds length of life

III. Lost! The terrible exchange (Gen. 3)

A. Alienation from God and each other.

i. Fear of exposure/shame

ii. Fear of rejection

iii. Fear of physical harm

V. How should God be feared?

A. Scripture's depiction of the fear of God.

i. Isaiah 6

B. Barriers to fearing God

i. The Flesh

ii. The World

iii. The Devil

C. The fearing ones! Examples of God-fearers.

VI. Reversal! Redemption! Fearing God through Jesus.

- Christ gives us the clothing we desperately need (2 Cor. 5:21)

i. The greatest exchange.