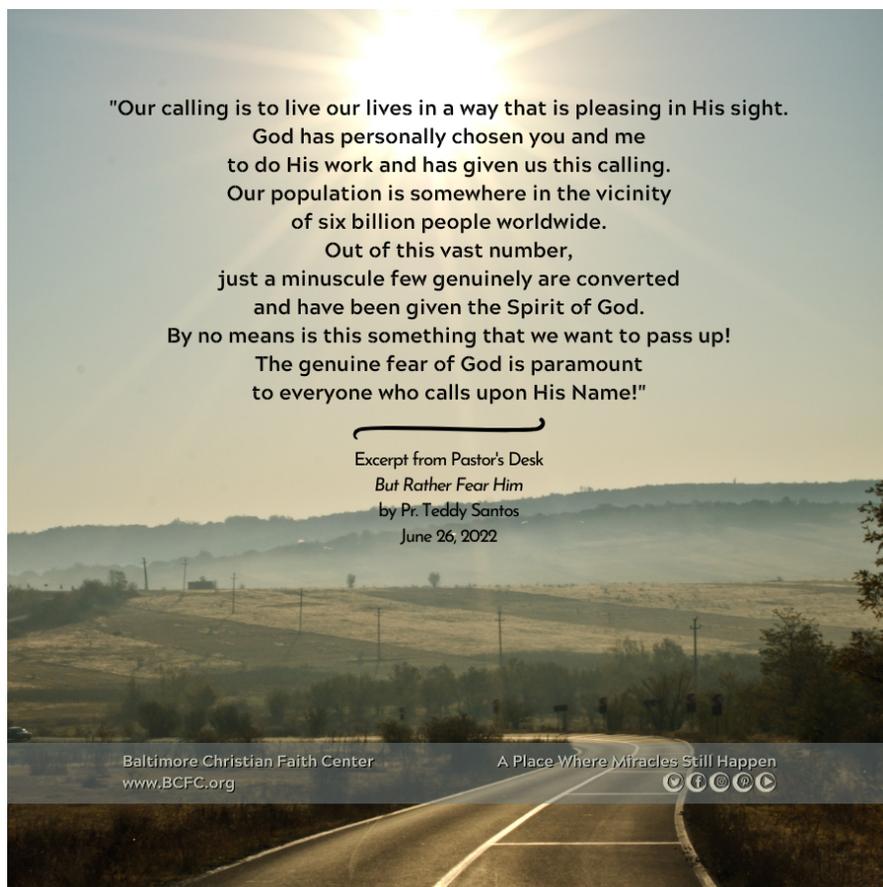


## But Rather Fear Him

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**Matthew 10:27-28** *"Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

It is not absurd that we ought to fear God. Our Lord Himself says we are to fear Him who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Why? He is the only One who can annul the judgment of Hell fire. The wages of sin is death in Hades. If we want to dodge this sentence, we can see that it is closely linked to whether or not we truly fear God.

Why? What does the fear of God have to do with escaping a sentence that would take us into the Lake of Fire?

This sequence of verses in **Matthew 10** has some encouragement, revealing that if one genuinely fears God, there is no need to be afraid of others. **Proverbs 29:25** candidly informs us, "**The fear of man is a snare...**" We do not want to be entrapped in this type of attitude. In the context of **Matthew 10:27**, it is evident that The Lord is talking about fear in the sense of "dread." The worst man can do to an individual does not even come close to the worst God can do! The grounds for this is what God is: omniscient and omnipotent, and in Him are the subjects of life and death!

Our calling is to live our lives in a way that is pleasing in His sight. God has personally chosen you and me to do His work and has given us this calling. Our population is somewhere in the vicinity of six billion people worldwide. Out of this vast number, just a minuscule few genuinely are converted and have been given the Spirit of God. By no means is this something that we want to pass up! The genuine fear of God is paramount to everyone who calls upon His Name!

At His service,  
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