

FEAR & ITS CURE

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Bubba went to a psychiatrist. "I've got problems; every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the Shrink. "Come and talk to me three times a week, and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?" "Only eighty dollars per visit," replied the doctor. "Well, I'll sleep on it," said Bubba.

Six months later the doctor met Bubba on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me about those fears you were having?" asked the psychiatrist.

"Well, eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup!" "Is that so? And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed! - Ain't nobody under there now!"

Fear is an awful thing. Especially when one does not have the assurance of salvation. Therefore, fear of dying and going to hell can be the ultimate fear that one can have. Jesus said, "Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him." (Luke 12:5 NIV)

Plainly, don't get short changed. Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)

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