



## The People's Security

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1 JOHN 5:18-21

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## NOTES

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“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

*1 PETER 5:8*

In our spiritual lives we face threats and we need to be vigilant and guard our vulnerabilities lest those threats coming from our enemy, the devil, get us.

### **Recurring themes in 1 John:**

- “Don’t sin...” – 1 John 2:1
- “Sin breaks God’s law.” – 1 John 3:4
- “Jesus came to take away our sins.” – 1 John 3:5
- “If we stay close to Christ we keep sin at bay; but anyone who keeps on sinning doesn’t know or understand Christ.” – 1 John 3:6

### **What has Christ done about our sin?**

“...your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.” – 1 John 2:12

“See how very much our father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!”

*1 JOHN 3:1*

“Everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not understand who he is.”

*1 JOHN 3:4-6*

### **We know we are secure.**

“We know that God’s children do not make a practice of sinning, for God’s Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them.”

*1 JOHN 5:18*

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand.”

*JOHN 10:27-29*



Anyone who has said “yes” to Jesus and established him as Lord is secure.

### **Jesus saves us.**

“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

*ACTS 4:12*

“Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved...”

*ACTS 16:31*

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

*ROMANS 10:9*

### **Jesus is the source of our salvation.**

- He redeems us (paid the price for our sin)
- He justifies us (made us whole and righteous because of paying our sin penalty)
- He saves us when we say “yes” and accept his awesome gift.

Jesus not only saves us, but he keeps us – safe, secure. He keeps us in his grasp and he will never let go.

“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

*GALATIANS 2:20*

We are to allow Him to live in and through us so others see less of us and more of him. But our hearts are stubborn.

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”

*MATTHEW 23:37*

### **Jesus saves us, he keeps us, and he satisfies us.**

“And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.”

*1 JOHN 5:20*



When we look for answers in other places, we run the risk of exposing ourselves to vulnerabilities that we could otherwise avoid.

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech. Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don’t get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.”

*PROVERBS 4:20-23*

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

*PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7*

**How do we guard our hearts?** By knowing Jesus is enough.

All other paths, not rooted and built on the foundation of Christ, are fake and are a poor substitute for the security we have in Jesus.

“Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.”

*1 JOHN 5:21*

**Guard your heart because we, his people, are secure when we:**

- Accept his gift of salvation
- Depend on his protecting presence
- Yield to his sufficiency

