

BLESSED ASSURANCE OF THE BELIEVER'S SECURITY

Sunday, April 3, 2022 -- 1st JOHN series -- Msg 31 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

1st JOHN 5:18-21

English Standard Version (ESV)

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

REVIEW:

vs 18a -- True Believers will not have an unbroken bondage to sin.
True Believers experience Christ's victory over sin and death.

JESUS CHRIST PROTECTS AND KEEPS BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS. vs 18

- NOTICE that Jesus is the One being spoken of in verse 18b.

vs 18b *but he who was born of God protects him,*
[JESUS] [everyone who is born of God]

JOHN 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 3:16, 18

vs 16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

vs 18 *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

HEBREWS 1:5 (Jesus is superior to angels!)

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

HEBREWS 5:5

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

1 JOHN 4:9

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

- **JESUS is the One who delivers and protects Believers from Satan.**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who protects His flock from the evil one.

vs. 18b but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

1 JOHN 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

COLOSSIANS 3:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

HEBREWS 2:14-15

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

- **SATAN can tempt and harass Believers, but never reclaim them!**

JOB chapters 1-2

LUKE 22:31

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

- **JESUS keeps His redeemed.**

JOHN 10:27-30

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

2 TIMOTHY 1:12

... But I am not ashamed, for I know WHOM I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

JUDE 24-25

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

HEBREWS 6:19-20

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

REMEMBER: Only CHRIST keeps our souls. We do not keep our souls.

● **HOWEVER, Believers ARE called to keep important aspects of themselves...**

1. Christians keep themselves pure.

1 TIMOTHY 5:22

Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.

2. Christians keep the commandments of Christ.

1 JOHN 3:22

and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

3. Christians keep the faith.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

4. Christians keep themselves unstained by the world.

JAMES 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

5. Christians keep themselves from idols.

1 JOHN 5:21

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

6. Christians keep God's Word.

1 JOHN 2:5

but whoever keeps His Word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him:

7. Christians keep themselves in the love of God.

Jude 1:21

keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

We need to realize that these efforts are the response of faith to the saving power of God's grace and work in our lives.

We act because He acted. We love because He loved.

1 JOHN 4:19

We love because He first loved us.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 8:31-39 GOD preserves His Own!

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written,

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

First John exposes false belief and it assures true belief in Jesus.

The blessed assurance of the Believer's security in Christ is a fundamental doctrine found throughout the Scriptures. John wants believers to know it!

KEY QUESTIONS:

- 1) *How does seeing these scriptures re GOD'S SECURITY of His people affect you?
How do they make you feel? (What emotions arise?)
What do they make you want to do?*
- 2) *Do you have confidence that these promises apply to you? Why or why not?*
- 3) *How can/should/does this affect the decisions you make and the way you live?*