

A Secure Connection

October 21 and 28



Our Security in God's Love and Salvation

- John 10:28–29

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

→ Jesus emphasizes our double security—held by both the Son and the Father.

- Romans 8:38–39

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

→ Nothing can break the bond of God's love toward those in Christ.



Our Union with Christ

- John 15:4–5

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

→ This portrays a living, nourishing connection — not mechanical, but one that bears much fruit for His glory.

- Galatians 2:20

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

→ Our life is joined to His, inseparable and sustained by His love.



Our Foundation and Refuge in God

- Psalm 91:1–2,4

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust...He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou

trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

→ This is a picture of safety and shelter for the soul that trusts in God.

- Psalm 125:1–2

"They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever."

→ God's protection encircles His people like mountains—steady and unchanging.



Our Confidence in His Faithfulness

- Philippians 1:6

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

→ The God who started His work in us will not abandon it.

- 2 Timothy 1:12

"...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

→ Our security rests not in our grip on Him, but in His grip on us.



How We Stay Close to the Lord

1. Abiding in Christ

- John 15:7

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

→ Staying near to Him means letting His Word dwell richly in us. His Word roots our hearts in Him.

2. Drawing Near

- James 4:8

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

→ The Lord never turns away a heart that seeks Him sincerely.

3. Trusting and Acknowledging Him

- Proverbs 3:5–6

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

→ We stay close through trust — depending on Him instead of our own reasoning.

4. Walking in the Light

- 1 John 1:7

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

→ Fellowship and purity flow naturally from walking openly with Him.



How the Lord Holds Us Securely

1. His Keeping Power

- Jude 1:24

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."

→ He not only saves, but keeps and perfects us.

2. His Unfailing Love

- Isaiah 49:15–16

"Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee."

Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."

→ God's love is more constant than a mother's love — engraved, not written in pencil.

3. His Faithfulness

- Lamentations 3:22–23

"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

→ Even when our hearts waver, His steadfast mercy keeps us.

4. His Eternal Promise

- Hebrews 13:5

"...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

→ A promise that never grows old — our security rests in His presence.

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Is there a passage of scripture that you love meditating on that helps connect you to the reality of your Father?
2. Which point in the lecture was the most helpful to you?