

Sealed, Safe, and Secure in Christ

Introduction:

1. So many people today lack security. I'm not talking about financial security. People lack spiritual and emotional security. They look for it in all the wrong places:
 - Drugs - an escape from the hurt and emotional trauma they feel
 - Alcohol - dulls the emotions and masks the true pain they feel
 - Illicit sexual relationships
 - Crime, the wrong kind of friends, pornography, gangs, etc.
2. Then there are those who look for it in more "respectable" ways.
 - Their money, possessions, job, business, education, appearance, popularity, church work, charitable giving, etc.
3. But no matter where you look for spiritual and emotional security, it will prove elusive until you look in the right place – and that is **in Christ**.
4. **In Christ** are two of the most precious words in the Bible because they describe something that God did for you the moment you trusted Christ as your Savior.
5. Satan does not want you, your children, or anyone else to know that true security is found in Christ. He wants you to go through life with strong feelings of insecurity that will lead you to look for it in all the wrong places.
6. Let me share with you a truth that will revolutionize your life when it really sinks in: **In Christ, I am secure** (say that with me). There is not a more secure place to be in this universe than in Christ. The Bible explains to us why this is true.

Because I am free from condemnation

1. You know why many young people get into so much trouble? All their life they are told, "You are bad. You're an idiot. You'll never amount to anything. You can't do anything right. You're just like all the other kids. You're stupid. You're a slut." They are constantly condemned. It could come from parents, siblings, other kids, teacher, a spouse, etc.
2. Sooner or later, they are convinced. "I am rotten, so I might as well act rotten. I guess I'm a slut, so I might as well act like one. I guess I'm stupid, so I may as well quit school."
3. This may be you. You have been beaten down and condemned. But I want you to listen carefully to John 5:24. Satan is the great condemner. He accuses and condemns us and wants us to feel worthless. But look at Romans 8:31-34.
 - If you are in Christ, He is standing up for you in heaven, and you are free from the eternal condemnation of Satan.
 - Christ is on your side! He believes in you and sees what you can be. Everyone else may condemn you, but He will not condemn you.
4. You have security in Christ because you are free from condemnation.

Because I cannot be separated from the love of Christ - Romans 8:35-39

1. Emotional security is the result of an environment full of love and forgiveness.
2. What happens when a person doesn't feel loved?
 - The result is depression, loneliness, and insecurity.
 - God made us to love and be loved.
3. But there is a truth you must see. In Christ, you **are** loved with the deepest love there could possibly be – God's love! Read Romans 8:35-39.
 - You may struggle with this because you think, "I did this or that, and God **couldn't** love me."
4. But if you are saved, then you are in Christ. It's a divine **fact**. According to verse 39, where is God's love found? In Christ.
5. If **you** are **in Christ**, and God's love is found and revealed **in Christ**, then nothing can separate you from His love. You are loved and totally secure in His love. You are not loved because of your works (good or bad, past or present) or your performance. You are loved because of who you are in Christ.

Because I have been sealed by God's Spirit - 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

1. According to verse 21, the moment you trusted Christ, God established you in Christ.
2. How secure is your position in Christ? Verse 22 teaches that God loves you so much, He said, "I'm not going to let you get away." So He sealed you with His Spirit in your heart.
 - If you are saved, you have been sealed by God. cf. Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30
3. Maybe you grew up in a home or were in a relationship where you didn't feel wanted. I want you to know that this is not the case in Christ. You are so wanted that God sealed you with His Spirit until the day He comes back for you!

Because I have not been given the spirit of fear - 2 Timothy 1:7

1. Fear is a terrible thing. The Bible says, "*Fear hath torment.*" When your heart is full of fear, this breeds feelings of insecurity.
2. Many young people get involved in destructive behavior, and it's motivated by fear.
 - If I don't cheat, I'm afraid I won't pass the test.
 - If I don't lie, I'm afraid I'll get in trouble.
 - If I don't have sex with him, I'm afraid he'll break up with me.
 - If I don't drink alcohol with everybody else, they will think I'm not cool.
3. If you are in Christ, you don't have to allow fear to control you and bring insecurity. 2 Timothy 1:7 clearly says that God has given us **His** very Spirit, **not** a spirit of fear. Satan uses fear to manipulate us to do the wrong things, but God has given us a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind (to make good decisions).
4. Christians go through problems, trials, tragedies and catastrophes just like anybody else. But here's the difference for someone that is in Christ: we don't

have to have feelings of insecurity, desperation, and fear. We can be secure. Why is this? Romans 8:28

- Because we know our Father loves us, He's for us, and He's taking it all and working it together for our good.

In Conclusion:

1. Maybe you are here today and you are a very insecure person.
2. If you are not saved, I'm here to tell you that you will never know true security until you give your heart to Jesus Christ.
3. Once you turn to Jesus and believe on Him, immerse yourself in the truth of God's Word. The truth shall make you free.
4. Satan does not want you to know this truth: **you are forever secure in Christ!**