

“Blessed Assurance: Assurance of Protection”

1 John 5:18-21

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WE KNOW THAT THOSE BORN OF GOD...

1) DON'T CONTINUE IN SIN (v. 18a)

2) ARE PROTECTED BY GOD (v. 18b-19)

3) KNOW THE TRUTH (v. 20-21)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Romans 12:3-13

Discussion Questions

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ICEBREAKER: What is the most dangerous thing you've ever done? How were you protected in that time?

- 1) In your own words summarize the things John says “we know” from this passage.
- 2) What prevents a Christian from continuing in sin? (1 John 3:6, 9)
- 3) Does that mean that Christians never sin?
- 4) How is our identity in Christ established and secured?
- 5) When John says the “world” is controlled by the evil one, what does he mean?
- 6) How does Jesus protect you from the evil one?
- 7) Read John 10:28-29. How does this verse give a good image of God's protection?
- 8) What is the “understanding” Jesus came to give us in context of 1 John?
- 9) What reasons do we have for trusting this “understanding”?
- 10) How does this “understanding” relate to idolatry?
- 11) Given the context of 1 John, how does our knowledge of God keep us from idolatry?
- 12) How has this passage challenged or encouraged you in your relationship with God?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?