

## WHY SAINTS ARE SAFE

***“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.”*** (II Tim.1:12)

I have heard Real Estate Agents say repeatedly, “That which largely determines the value of a house is location, location, location.” The same could be said about salvation. It is the location of the believing soul that is committed to the Savior for safe-keeping that makes the salvation offered authentic and consequently valuable.

Paul said, “He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him....” Kept where? Where is the deposit kept that, as Paul said, he had “committed unto him”? Scripture is not vague about the Depository! It plainly tells us that:

### **A. We Are Kept In His Heart.**

Jeremiah 31:3 - “I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.” What God said to Jeremiah can be applied to all His loved ones! The heart is the seat of the affections. He “so loved the world that He gave” (John 3:16); Of Jesus, John tells us, “having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.” (John 13:1) We are forever safe in the loving heart of God.

### **B. We Are Kept In His Fold.**

In John 10:9 Jesus said, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.” He is not only the Door but He is also the Doorkeeper: “These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.” (Rev.3:7) Jesus is both the Portal and the Protector, Shepherd and Safeguard.

### **C. We Are Kept In His Hand.**

As we have already seen, “neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck Them out of My Father’s hand.” (John 10:28-29)

**ILLUST.** A young girl was giving her testimony of faith in Christ in a public park where there were many from all walks of life gathered. She concluded by quoting “no one is able to pluck hem out of My Father’s hand.” In the group was a skeptic who spoke up with this flippant question: “But suppose, Maggie, that you slip through one of His fingers?” In an instant Maggie replied, “But sir, that can never happen because, you see, I am one of His fingers, for Ephesians 5:30 tells us that we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones!”

### **D. We Are Kept In His Book.**

God has The Book of Life with the names of His children inscribed in it for eternity: “whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Rev.20:15) Those who are written therein are the saved ones. The unwritten are the lost ones. Those penned on the pages of the Book of Life will never be removed.

Gods has no eraser on His pencil!

**B. We Are Kept In His Fortress.**

David sings about his security in God: "David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior." (II Samuel 22:1-3)

**C. We Are Kept In His Arms.**

Deut. 33:27b – "underneath are the everlasting arms."

**D. We Are Kept In His Prayers.**

"Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me." (John 17:11) And "He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25)

Friends, if you have come to faith in Christ as your Savior you have the additional promise that: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37) Since He will not cast us *out*, He keeps us *in* - in His heart, fold, hand, book, fortress, arms, prayers. So instead of enduring your salvation, enjoy it!

**ILLUST.** At Niagara Falls, New York there is a hydro-electric power plant. Years ago the Niagara Falls post office Postmark was this: "Located at the seat of power". That is where you and I, as children of God are - located at the seat of the Power Of God! What cause for joy and praise!

Do you know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour from sin? If you do not you are missing more than you can imagine. The Bible says that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes." (Rom. 1:16) Read what the Gospel is in the book of I Corinthians 15:1-6 and believe it. You will experience the power of salvation!

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