ROMANS

From Insecurity to Security…
God's Provision of Salvation is Secure!

1 PETER 1:3-5

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I. God provides **ENTRY** into our secure salvation. (v. 3-4)

A. What we have is…

1. From God.
2. New birth.

B. Why we have this: *Because of his mercy!*

1. Our salvation is based on God's character of mercy.
2. Our salvation cannot be earned

C. The result of what we have: *It brings us into hope and into an inheritance.*

D. Application:

II. God provides **PROTECTION**. (v. 5)

A. What we have: *His protection.*

B. How we have this: *Through our faith and by God's protection.*

C. Why we have this: *To see the believer to completion.*

D. Application:

The obvious question: *Why are Christians suffering if God promises protection?"*

Conclusion: *What is the grand conclusion?*

1. What are you trusting in for your security?

2. How will you stand for Christ this week?

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

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Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with one another as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

Everybody has a system for keeping something important safe: a hiding spot, a fireproof box, a password trick, a spare key under the flowerpot.
What's yours, and how confident are you in it?

(Especially now that you just told everyone! 🤣*)*

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. 📖 **Read Romans 11:33-36 and 1 Peter 1:3-5.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Peter opens with praise: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope*" (**1 Pet 1:3**). Nobody does anything to be born the first time. What does that picture tell us about how a person receives new birth in Christ?

   - How does that compare with how we sometimes might think we get into God's good graces?

3. 📖 **Look at Romans 11:33-36 again.** Paul and Peter both stop to bless God before they say anything else. What do you notice about what each of them praises God for, and about who gets the credit?

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Welcome to Wawasee community bible church

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.

Secure Son/Daughter
I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.

Courageous Connector
I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.

Ready Storyteller
I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.

Legacy Builder
Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 11:33-36 (NLT)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

33 Oh, how **great** are **God's riches** and **wisdom** and **knowledge**! How **impossible** it is for us to **understand** his **decisions** and his **ways**!

34 For who can **know** the **LORD's thoughts**? Who **knows enough** to **give** him **advice**? 35 And who has **given** him so **much** that he **needs** to pay it **back**? 36 For **everything comes** from him and **exists** by his **power** and is **intended** for his **glory**. All **glory** to him **forever**! **Amen**.

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4. Peter describes the inheritance as "*imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you*" (**1 Pet 1:4**). Think about the things we lean on for security: savings, health, a job, a relationship, a routine. How does each one compare with those three words?

5. 📖 **Read John 10:27–29.** Peter says we "*are being guarded through faith*" by God's power (**1 Pet 1:5**). What does it mean that God does the guarding and we do the trusting?

   - How is that different from trying to hold on by our own grip?

6. Peter's readers were scattered and facing hardship (**1 Pet 1:1, 6**). If God guards believers, why do Christians still suffer? Does knowing your inheritance is kept safe change the way you carry pain you're dealing with right now?

Taking It Home

7. If all the walls could come down, and your heart was revealed… what are you leaning on most for security right now? If not Christ, what's your next step to lean more securely on him instead?

   - Remember, a **Secure Son/Daughter** lives "*increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.*"
     What's a step you could take this week to rest and live more fully into that role? How could someone in your group encourage you in it?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

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