

The welcome verse for this week is Psalm 145:17, “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all His works.”



## **What Do You Know For Sure: God Keeps Us**

1 John 5:18-19

**Big Idea for the Series:** Ten weeks of biblical truth designed to show the evidence the Apostle John points to revealing true, saving faith. John said, “I write these things to you so you may know you have eternal life.”

**The Bottom Line:** God keeps us as His own.

### **Introduction:**

Over the last month or so, we’ve been slowly making our way through 1 John 5. In this chapter, John gives five certainties for believers to anchor their lives upon.

Today’s message is all about this one truth: God keeps us.

God does not abandon us, but keeps us as we find life in His divine providence.

### **Tension:**

In a world where abandonment is common, it is difficult to believe God would not abandon us also.

In a world with so little security, it is difficult to believe God will keep us secure.

### **Truth:**

Let’s read what John has to say about God’s protection over His children.

### **Read 1 John 5:18-19.**

John begins by reviewing the point he made in chapter one of his letter – Christians do not practice habitual sin.

John continues by telling us why the Christian cannot and will not live in sinful practice. Jesus Christ keeps, protects, and preserves believers from evil.

This promise speaks of God's providence, the conviction that God is with us and He is for us.

***“He guards us now, He guards us always.”***  
**- Eugene Peterson**

Our salvation is the result of God's grace and power alone, including our justification, sanctification, and glorification. He is the author and the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Even on your best day, Jesus Christ is *still* the hero.

Those who are saved and sustained by God almighty are not touched by evil-but are secure. We draw near to God and He draws near to us (James 4:8).

We find rest in the security of our precious Savior.

**Read Psalm 121 and Romans 8.**

**Application & Conclusion:**

Rejoice and relax, *Deus pro nobis*.

**Next Steps:**

- Read Psalm 121 every morning this week.
- Read Romans 8 every evening this week.
- Read Eugene Peterson's, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*.

**Discussion questions for group this week:**

**1. What does this teach me about God?**

**2. What does this teach me about me?**

**3. How do I apply this to my life?**

**4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....**