

The Hymn of Security, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 8.

B. Paul anticipates objections to the security of the believer.

C. People reject the security of the believer because they say there are certain people and circumstances that can throw it away.

II. People cannot take away our salvation.

A. There is no one beyond God who can take away our salvation.

B. We are not even able to overturn God's decree. (Luke 22:31)

C. Many Scriptures witness to the Lord's strength in salvation: Psalm 27; 46:10; Isaiah 40; Romans 3:21-8:30.

D. God loved us when we were most opposed to him. (John 3:16)

E. God provided another sacrifice for our sins through Christ. (Genesis 22, Isaiah 53, Luke 22:53)

F. Jesus died in our place not simply for our benefit. (2 Corinthians 2:7, Colossians 2)

G. No one can lay a charge against us in our salvation. Satan is the accuser, but he cannot successfully come against a believer because of the work of Christ.

H. God takes care of his chosen ones. (John 10:28, Luke 18:7)

III. There is a fourfold protection.

A. Christ died taking our punishment.

B. Christ has risen again for our justification. (Romans 4:25)

C. Christ sits at the Father's right hand showing that his offering was acceptable.

D. Christ makes intercession for us. (1 John 2:1, Hebrews 7:24)

Application Questions:

1. What verses do you find most helpful to defend the security of the believer?

2. Why is it important to understand Satan's work against believers with regard to their security? What does he do?

3. How does the activity of Christ demonstrate that the believer is secure? Explain.
