

If You Want to Know the Living Christ

SEE Your Condition

"There is none righteous, no, not one . . . all have sinned" (Romans 3:10, 23).

"All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isaiah 53:6).

HEAR God's Offer

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

"Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you" (Isaiah 55:3).

TASTE God's Provision

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

"Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

FEEL God's Transforming Power

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).

LIVE in Newness of Life

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

"As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

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"Come unto me . . . I will give you rest." – Jesus

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Are You Secure?

We sometimes reveal our insecurity by the ways we attempt to feel secure.

My son has a fuzzy blue blanket that goes to bed with him every night. He won't sleep without it.

A sticker on my neighbor's door warns, "This house is protected by God and a gun. If you enter uninvited, you will meet them both."

Both blanket and sticker illustrate something we all have: a desire for security. From the newest baby to the oldest senior, we all want to feel safe and secure.

Consider these common places humans look for security.

Money. Most people would like to be rich. Paying the bills would no longer be a constant concern. Others would admire and envy them. They would retire in financial security.

Popularity. Being liked and followed by others makes some people feel secure. They compete to have the most friends, social media followers, or “likes.” They look down on less popular people.

Owning or wearing cool things. Some try to feel secure by buying expensive items: perhaps a new truck, a high-end living room suite, or trendy clothes. Impressing others by owning the “right” things can be an attempt to feel secure.

Good looks. Being good-looking and attractive can give people a sense of security. They feel good when others look twice when they walk by.

How do *you* measure security?

We can seek security in things like these, using them as yardsticks to measure ourselves against others. If we measure more rich or popular or good-looking than others, we feel more secure about ourselves and our place in the world. If we measure less than others, we feel less secure.

However, the security we look for in things like these isn’t all that important. Why not? Because we are using the wrong yardstick.

God’s yardstick is the only right one.

When we measure ourselves by it, we always fall far short, no matter how much “security” we’ve attained in other things. The Bible says, “All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way” (Isaiah 53:6).

Feeling secure here and now has little to do with *being* secure when we die. After death, we will face God, and He will have the final word. “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Imagine standing before the righteous God, knowing you are guilty of sin. Nothing could be less secure. To turn away from God in this life is to choose the wrong destiny—eternity in Hell. All who reject God, His Son, and His ways will hear these words: “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). That’s the ultimate insecurity.

How can you be truly secure? How can you escape sin’s curse? How can you receive God’s blessing and know Hell is not your destiny?

Know God. You must have a real relationship with God. You begin by acknowledging to Him that you are sinful, repenting of your sin, and asking Him for help.

Confess your sins. We cannot meet God’s standard because we have chosen to sin. Admit this to God and ask Him to forgive you. The Bible says,

“If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9)

Trust in Jesus. Only through Jesus can we be delivered from sin and its results. Only in Him can we find true security; every other method is futile. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Act 4:12).

Live in the light of truth. The Bible teaches us God’s ways, which are all true, good, and life-giving. To live free from sin and pleasing to God, we must follow His ways. “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Obeying God brings His blessing on us.

God is the source of true security.

Knowing and loving God brings security. Communicate with Him. Pray to Him. Read His words in the Bible and hear His voice in your heart. Claim this promise: “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you” (James 4:8).

God is the source of true security. Money vanishes, things wear out, friends may be fickle, and good looks fade. Blankets frazzle, and the gun beside the door harms, not helps.

But God does not change. When we fully love and trust Him, we have all we need to be truly secure, in life and in death.