



What was the point of the message on Sunday? If for some reason you missed it,

Here's the Point ...

“When You’re Connected to Christ You Have Complete Security.”

1. Security In Your Circumstances

Security. It's sought after in almost every area of life. Insurance policies. Money-back guarantees. Life-time warranties, etc. But when all these fail, is there a place we can turn for complete security? THERE IS! We can turn by faith to God in Christ - the God who is both our loving Father and our reigning King. When we receive Christ, we become part of God's family forever, and receive an inheritance of knowing God as our Father. And we know that He is working all our circumstances for our good. How can He do this? Because God is not just the Father of our hearts, He is also the King of history. He not only has a love that we can trust in, but also a plan we can trust in. A plan that is governing and working together even sin, suffering, and evil for our good (Gen. 50:20; Rom.8:28). So who is God in your life? Is He just the loving Father who loves us but doesn't have much control? Or is He just the King of history who doesn't have much love? Complete security is knowing both the God who is our loving Father and the God who is our reigning King. In Him, we can have security in our circumstances.

2. Security In Your Salvation

When we believed in Christ, as He was offered to us in the gospel, the Jesus who lived the life we were supposed to live and died the death on the cross that we were supposed to die, we received the forgiveness of all our sins, and are now accepted by God forever. Paul says in that day, “you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” (v.13). A seal carries with it three things: **1)** Authorship – Our salvation begins with God; **2)** Ownership – We are not our own, we've been bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:20); and **3)** Guardianship – We are secure in the safe and sovereign care of our Good Shepherd who will not lose any of His sheep. The Holy Spirit's presence and power in our lives is a reminder that we have security in our salvation.

3. Security In Your Future

Paul writes that the Holy Spirit is “the guarantee of our future inheritance” (v.14). But, WAIT A MINUTE! I thought we had already obtained the inheritance? (v.11) We have, but not in full. We know God in part, but when we see Him face to face we will know Him fully (1 Cor. 13:12). The Holy Spirit's conviction and presence in our lives reminds us that our salvation and our future are secure. One day we will know God fully, have new bodies that won't die, live in a new place without pain and enjoy the eternal rewards for the works that Christ did in and through us. Therefore, as those belonging to God in Christ by the Spirit, we have complete security in our circumstances, salvation, and future.