

1 John 5:18-21

Things We Know

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

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1. We know that the Son of God protects us from falling into a life of sin (v.18)
 - Christians do not make a practice of sinning (1 John 3:9)
 - Christians do commit sin (1 John 5:21; 2:1), but it is not what characterizes their lives.
 - The reason that Christians don't live a life of sin is because the Son of God protects them from the evil one.
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Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.

Luke 22:31-32

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 - Do not be anxious about falling away. This is a promise: everyone born of God does not keep on sinning.
 - But do not stop laboring to kill sin in your life. This is a responsibility: everyone born of God does not keep on sinning.

“...Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Phil 2:13)

1. We know that the Son of God protects us from falling into a life of sin (v.18)
2. We know that we belong to God because he rescued us from the world (v.19)
 - “The whole world languishes under the evil one” (Robert Yarbrough)

“...evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.” (2 Tim 3:13)

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No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

1 John 2:23

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

John 14:5-9

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"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)

"I sat at my grandfather's bedside after he had a serious stroke. He was rummaging through his achievements, relationships, aspirations, and travels. He was searching for something that retained meaning, something he could hold on to, something that he could tell me mattered in life. But everything he mentioned seemed to crumble before his eyes as he spoke. In the end, all he could say was that life is more than money, and all he could do was break down and weep. After saying goodbye, I sat on the steps outside the hospital and wept too."

- David Powlison

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