

PROTECTED IN CHRIST
Colossians 3:3 // July 5, 2026 PM

Believers share in Christ's heavenly security and must face their earthly troubles and temptations in light of it.

I. Union with Christ is the ground of our spiritual *preservation*.

II. Union with Christ is the ground of our spiritual *perseverance*.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Who is the protector in human marriage? Who is the protector in the marriage between Christ and the church?
2. What was happening in the church at Colossae that led Paul to write this letter? Where were they being tempted to seek their security?
3. How does what we worship always end up being where we seek our security? Can you give some examples?
4. How do Paul's words in this passage harken back to Psalm 27, and how does that provide insight into what Paul is saying is true of believers?
5. If God preserves His people so that they will never fall away, does that mean they can live however they want? Why, or why not?
6. What does it mean to persevere in the faith, and how do we do it?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What false ideologies tempt me, and where do they call me to look for security?
2. How might I use this text to share the gospel with an unbeliever, helping them to see the awesomeness of what it is to be a Christian?
3. Why should my protection in Christ lead to comfort but not complacency? Is it doing that?