

Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may  
have *life*

**Secure in the Hands of Jesus**

John 10:22-30

1. *The Feast of Dedication: a cleansing that pointed beyond itself.*

A. *Feast of Dedication – cleansed a place. v22*

1. V 22. *“At that time...” Why?*
2. *Antiochus IV Epiphanes, 164 BC*
3. *Judas Maccabeus: Removed the Greeks.*
4. *Hannukah. Festival of Lights.*

B. *Jesus – cleansed a people.*

1. V24. *Limits of their imagination: Are you the next “Messiah”? Will you cleanse us of Rome?*
2. V11. ... *the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ...*<sup>27</sup> *“My sheep hear My voice ... they follow me.”*<sup>28</sup> *and I give eternal life to them...*





## 2. *Seven enduring assurances that define security in Jesus.*

1. *My sheep.* John 10:14-15; 27
2. *I know them – by name.* John 10:3
3. *They follow me.* John 1:4, 8:12, 10:10
4. *I give eternal life to them.* John 10:28, 17:3
5. *Never perish.* John 10:28-29; 1 Peter 1:23, Jn 5:24
6. *No one shall snatch them out of my hand.*
7. *V 29. My Father has given them to me.*

*7 assurances form a complete picture of what it means to be secure in Jesus!*



- *What if I fall away? Can salvation be lost?*
- A. *I see that John 10:27-28 reveals that I am saved by God's grace through Jesus and I cannot lose what I did not earn. But can **God erase my name** from the Lamb's book of life?*
  - *1 Jn. 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is **born of God**; ... (NAS)*
  - *Rev. 3:5 ..., and **I will never blot his name out of the book of life**. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. (ESV)*
- B. ***I cannot lose what I never had.***
  - *1 Jn. 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. (ESV)*



- *Here is why we live and pray with enduring hope and confidence:*
  1. *Recent surveys: Gallup:*
    1. *2024 -2025: 40% of men, 18-29, attend religious services; up from 33% three years ago.*
    2. *42% - say religion is very important; up from 28% three years ago.*
    3. *Reverses decades of women being more religious than men.*
  2. *Gen Z men (younger than 30):*
    1. *15% increase in commitment to Jesus (2019 – 2025);*
    2. *67% say they're committed to following Jesus.*
    3. *46% attended church recently vs 44% of women.*



3. *Our resolve is not to earn security but to live in it: we **abide**, we **believe**, we **trust and obey**, and we **follow**.*

- *Jn. 10:27-30 "My sheep **hear My voice**, and I **know** them, and they **follow** Me;<sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.<sup>29</sup> "My Father, who has **given them to Me**, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.<sup>30</sup> "I and the Father are one." (NAS)*



# Call to Action

- *Are you living as if you are held securely in His hand – or are you living as if everything depends on you.*
- A. *Why not take a Christ-focused approach to your week?*
1. **Abide** in the Word this week before you begin your day.
  2. **Believe**. When the Holy Spirit “speaks” to you through the Word, believe Him.
  3. **Trust and obey**. Put your fears, wounds, doubts and shortcomings in the strong hand of Jesus; act on what He says.
  4. **Follow** Him. Give testimony to someone this week.
- B. *Memorize John 10:28*

