

HAVING SECURITY.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: 1 John 1:1-4.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Finding SECURITY IN AN INSECURE WORLD can be a great challenge.
2. Security is a prize we all want to find.
3. Sometimes when faced with difficulties we feel alone, overpowered.

C. From our text we will observe three things:

1. Facts which give security.
2. Fellowship which strengthens security.
3. The joy of security.

I. THE FACTS WHICH GIVE SECURITY.

A. Some look for security in the wrong places.

1. Some trust in riches, a false sense of security (**Pro. 11:28**).
2. The rich man: (**Luke 12:19**).

B. Real security is found in the gospel of Christ (1 John 1:1-3; John 1:14).

C. The source of that information. (Seen & Heard.)

1. Audible perception (**1 John 1:1, 3; 2 Pet 1:16**).
2. Visual perception: **Luke 24:46-48**.

D. Notice what the witnesses have done: (Vs. 3).

1. Declare unto you. WHY?? That fellowship may be established.
2. Thus, we can be encouraged and strengthened (**Gal. 6:2; Phil. 2:1-4**).

II. THE FELLOWSHIP THAT STRENGTHENS SECURITY.

A. "Fellowship" means being united... Based upon truth (Phil. 1:5).

B. John declares that ultimate fellowship is with God (1 John 1:3).

C. We have the same security that apostles had (1 John 2:1-3).

1. And we are in fellowship with the Father & Son (**1 John 3:1-2**).
2. Security when we keep our fellowship (**Heb. 10:24-25**).
 - 1) NOTE: "...to provoke unto love and good works..." Provoke = to push on.
3. By being in worship and involved with one another, we encourage, strengthen and help our brethren.

D. THIS SECURITY guarantees that we are never alone!

1. He is our strength and encouragement (**Rom. 8:31; Jer. 1:19**).
2. Maintaining our fellowship with God puts us in a good and secure place (**Isaiah 41:13; Heb. 13:5-6**)!

III. THE JOY OF SECURITY.

A. 1 John 1:4 An immediate blessing of proper fellowship!

1. Note: "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."
2. In this world we have trouble (**John 16:33; Phil. 4:9**).
 - 1) Peace? How can we have peace in such a world of confusion?

B. This security brings GREAT JOY! Because we can have...

1. Forgiveness (**1 John 2:1-2**).
2. Hope. (**1 John 3:3**).
3. Brotherly love. (**1 John 3:13-14, 17**).
4. Victory! (**1 John 1:9**).

IV. CONCLUSION.

A. The faithful child of God is secure in Christ (1 John 5:19-20).

B. When insecurities creep into our lives...

1. Make sure our hand is in the hand of God.
2. Nothing can give us more security than this fellowship (**2 Tim. 1:12**).