

WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

Praying for Keeps

John 17:6-19

Big Idea: We should pray for the Father to keep us in Jesus Christ so that we will not fall away.

Keep us from what?

- **The world and it's difficulties?** **NO.** John 17:15, 15:18-20, 16:33; Matthew 10:28.
- **The Evil One?** **YES.** John 17:15, 14:30, 12:31, 16:11; Revelation 20:7-10.
- **Falling away?** **YES.** John 17:12, 18:8-9. On Judas: John 6:60-71, 13:11-18.

How are we kept?

- **The Word of God.** John 17:6-8, 16:1, 17:17; Hebrews 2:1-4, 3:7-4:13, 5:11-6:12, 10:19-39, 12:1-29; 2 Timothy 3:16.
- **The fellowship of believers.** John 17:20-26; Matthew 18:15-20; Luke 17:3; James 5:19-20; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12;

In what is our security?

- **The gift of the Father.** John 17:6, 17:9, 17:24, 6:37-39, 10:28-29, 18:9; Hebrews 2:13.
- **The request of the Son.** John 17:11, 11:42; Romans 8:34-35; Hebrews 4:14-16.
- **The gift of the Son.** John 17:2-3, 10:28.
- **The glory of God.** John 17:10; Exodus 32:7-14; Philippians 1:6.
- **The name of God.** John 17:11-12, 17:6; 1 John 2:19; Matthew 7:21-24.

Invitation:

- Pray for keeps – pray for the Father to keep you in Jesus Christ so that you will not fall away.
- Pray the same for other members of your congregation.

- Pray to stay diligent in the Word of God and in the fellowship of believers.

From the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, *Section V God's Purpose of Grace*:

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.



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