"Safe and Secure"

Jude 1:24-25

"Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him since He always lives to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25)

"And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification and redemption, so that as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord' ". (1 Corinthians 1:30)

"…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." (Philippians 2:12-13)

- God is able because of who He is not because of what we do.
 - Glory: All of God's divine attributes in beautiful radiance remind us of who He is!
 - *"To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord"* (Psalm 27:4)
 - Majesty: He is majestic; the Father and the Son absolutely reign over all things.
 - "All things were created through Him, and for Him,... and in Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:16-17)
 - Dominion: There are no limits to God's might and He actively rules over all.
 - *"Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases."* (Psalm 115:1 & 3)
 - Authority: We know that Christ has the right and privilege to do as He wills.
 - *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* (Romans 8:31-39)
 - From eternity to eternity this remains true about God!
- God is able to keep (guard or watch over) me from stumbling.
 - We ultimately do not stumble because of what Christ has done; He called us, adopted us, and keeps us (Jude 1:1).
 - We also do not stumble because we grow in our understanding of the Word, pray according to the Word, stay obedient to God's Word, set our minds on the things above, pursue the struggling and the lost, and strive for holy living (Jude 1:20-23).
 - If I am truly in Christ I can know that God will finish the work He began in my life (Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9) and I will fight to grow in holiness (2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Peter 1:22-23).
- God is able to present me blameless (from falling into apostasy) before the presence of His glory.
 - Anything that is presented to God must be without blemish (Leviticus 1:3; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 5:7-9).
 - Because we have put on the righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21) and Christ's intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25), we can boldly come before His throne (Hebrews 4:14-16). The prize of salvation is being able to be in God's presence and enjoy God (1 Peter 3:18).
- With great joy....
 - We rejoice in our painful sanctification process because it confirms our salvation and our growth through painful sanctification will lead to eternal rewards (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-9).

"Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and give strength to all. And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name." (1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

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"Is it conceivable that in spite of all this, [Christians] may still fall away and be lost? Is it possible for God to predestine us to holiness, and yet we do not become holy? Can He adopt us as children and then disown us? Can He give us a guarantee of salvation and then renege on His promise? Is the human will so strong as to overcome divine power? Surely not! What more does God need to say to assure us that He will uphold us to the end?" (David Clotfelter)