

The Book of 1 John Message 27
 “The Perfectly Protected Church”
 1 John 5:16-19

Message Title: “The Perfectly Protected Church”

I. The **Relentless** Attack

- a. The Relentless Attack of “**Sin from Within**”
- b. The Relentless Attack of “**Wickedness from Without**”

James 1:26-27 “If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. ²⁷ Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

II. The **Provided Protection** from “**Within**”

- a. The Church is Provided Protection from “Within” through **Bold Preaching**

1 John 2:3-4 “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

1 John 3:4 “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

1 John 4:8 “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

1 John 5:12 “He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

- b. The Church is Provided Protection from “Within” through **Brotherly Petitions**

1 Timothy 2:1 “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;”

Ephesians 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

James 5:13-16 “Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Matthew 5:43-45 “**Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**”

Job 42:10 “And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

Matthew 16:18 “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Luke 4:38 “And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.”

Isaiah 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

III. The **Divine Protection** from “**Without**”

a. The Church is Protected from “Without” through **Physical Death**

b. The Church is Protected from “Without” through **Eternal Death**

1 John 2:19 “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.”

Hebrews 12:17 “For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.”

c. The Church is Protected from “Without” through a **Divine Restraining Order**

IV. The **Application** from **Above**

a. Sin is **Destructive** and **Deadly**

b. Sin is **Attractive** and **Avoidable**

c. The Church is **Protected** and **Pure**