

**Three Final Affirmations**  
**1 John 5:18-20**

John is ending his letter; giving some “last words” to his flock.

- “We know that...” 3 times – v.18, 19, and 20.

**WE ARE... PROTECTED. v.18**

**1. Protected from sin reigning in our life. Ref. Col. 1:13**

- No one born of God “keeps on sinning.”
- The verb tense implies a continual, habitual, on-going, un-repentant lifestyle of sin.

**2. Protected by our older Brother. Ref. 1 John 3:9**

- “Born of God” = begotten. See 5:1,4.
- NOTE: Christ was not ‘born’ (created); He is eternally begotten of the Father. Ref. John 3:16

→ Application: We are called to be ‘spiritual siblings’ to one another.

**3. Protected from the evil one. Ref. John 10:27-29**

- “evil one” = the word refers to active evil—actively working right now—real evil.
- -“touch” = to lay hold of to harm; to cling to (Ref. John 20:17; only other place where John uses this verb.)

**WE ARE... FROM GOD. v.19**

**1. The believer is “from God.”**

- The idea is that we belong to Him; we are His children (1 Jn 3:1-2).

**2. The world “lies in the power of the evil one.”**

- The world is ‘in the grip’ of...’resting in the arms’ of evil!
- The picture is not of a world struggling to get away from evil, but a world at peace with evil.

**THE SON OF GOD HAS COME. v.20**

**1. We know that the Son of God has come.**

- The most fundamental of John’s 3 final affirmations: The Son of God has come!

**2. The Son of God has given us understanding. “knowledge” i.e., ‘real truth’**

**3. So that we may know him who is true.**

- Personal knowledge; intimate knowledge. Not just knowing who He is—but *knowing* Him. 1 John 1:1-2

**4. We are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ.**

**5. He is the true God and eternal life.**

→ John 17:3: And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.