

## A Christmas Series

*And you will have confidence because there is hope; you will be protected and take your rest in safety.*

Job 11:18 (NRSV)

*[the] fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

Galatians 5:24-25 (NRSV)

### God's Unexpected Gifts Sheltered and Protected

Conditions on the planet we know as Earth and claim as our home change every day. Financial market returns go up and down; the sunny and bright weather quickly changes to storms; even our truest friends argue for a period and then make up. The importance of recognizing differences means we must learn to let go of any fears about changes or losses occurring in our daily life and live as though God is in complete control.

Fear and feelings of vulnerability remind us of who we are: the divine child of an infinitely loving Creator. Inherent love from a designer God assures us that effects of the Spirit, including love, peace of mind, and life, will never be lost. Together we share the assurance that love of God protects our peace of mind, our eternal life, and the endless love we continue to be, feel, and experience.

Our personal intuition is the diligent messenger of the Spirit. It is within each of us wherever we may be. Through the spirit and assurances of God, we remain safe and secure by trusting the still small voice providing ongoing assurances. We may all be aware of or experienced a voice that nudges us to make a phone call to a certain person or follow a hunch to take a different street. In small ways, a feeling of being protected becomes evident.

Admittedly, following intuitions can feel completely irrational. The more we listen to the voice of divine love, guidance, and wisdom within us, the more we can realize its tremendous capacity to protect us from harm. I trust we are all grateful for this inner voice of Spirit which shelters us from harm.

You and I should remain secure in the unchanging, everlasting love of our Creator. God's love projects peace of mind in all, eternal life for all, and an endless love to share with other people outside our Church confines. And so...

*may God's peace and comforting presence be with each of us now and forevermore.*

*Peace Always,  
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