

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is smiling and looking towards the camera. She has a simple black cross tattoo on her right shoulder. She is wearing a light-colored, sleeveless top. Her hands are clasped near her chest.

# Are you protected?

**Whoever believes in Jesus shall not perish but have eternal life**

See John 3:16

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The older I get the more I understand how fragile human life really is. The COVID 19 pandemic is just one example of how something seemingly small can change the lives of the entire world's population. As advanced, intelligent and resilient as humanity is, life can be lost in the blink of an eye. For this reason we spend a lot of effort trying to protect ourselves and our loved ones... from buckling the back-arching, screaming toddler into her seatbelt, to spending hard earned cash on insurance policies, to getting the COVID jab.

But have you ever thought about your spiritual protection? The Bible tells us that our greatest need and our greatest danger is a spiritual one. Sin may not always seem dangerous - a lie here, a little lust there - but God's word declares that sin causes death (**see Genesis 2:17 and Romans 6:23**). The death that sin leads to is not usually immediate but it is always eternal. By ignoring, rejecting or forgetting God we cut ourselves off from the source of eternal life. How can we protect ourselves from this eternal danger? A little

like the COVID 19 vaccination, our eternal protection comes from something we receive. It has been prepared for us, we must simply believe in it and receive it.

**“Whoever believes in Jesus shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16.**

Unlike a COVID vaccine, the protection offered to us in Jesus does not wane. Jesus' death and resurrection on our behalf, when we believe and receive it, has a 100% efficacy rate to protect us from the deadly consequences of our sin for all of eternity (no boosters required).

Have you received this free and eternal protection through Jesus?

**Prayer:**

Dear Jesus,

I confess the sin in my life leads to death. I believe Jesus' death and resurrection on my behalf means I now have protection from the eternal consequences of my sin and receive eternal life instead.

Amen.