

NOVEMBER 8

**“WHEN HE LAYS HIS HANDS
ON YOU, HE NEVER TAKES
THEM OFF.”**

READ

Ephesians 2:8-9

Human beings insist on being in charge: it's the sin nature. We bought the lie from Satan in the Garden of Eden that we can be like God. That falsehood invades every part of us, even when we come to faith. There is still a part of us that insists on being in charge even before the Lord. You didn't save yourself. God found you. He knew you before He created anything. The Lord purchased you with His own blood, and you belong to Him. You don't belong to yourself. Your view of salvation will affect your daily faith walk. If you believe that you are somehow hanging onto God through your own tenacity, you have missed the whole point of the grace of the Lord. You're saved by grace. You are not saved by works, but by God's favor; neither are you kept by your own strength. You're kept by the power of God through faith. So, it isn't your strength, or even your understanding of the Scriptures that makes you victorious. It is the keeping power of God.

PRAY

Jesus, Thank You for keeping me. I surrender to You. Not my will, but Yours be done.

From July 20, 2003