

Can It Really Be True That God Is Incapable Of Saving You?

The Psalm says it: "Many are they who say of my soul: there is no salvation for him with God." Certainly, much in life can make it seem that there is no hope for us, neither in this life nor the next. Sometimes the same testimony will even come from people who claim to speak for God, whether they actually say it outright, or just preach so as to leave you with that impression: that there is no hope for you.

It is no wonder that any joyful hope of salvation will seem lost to you, if you have been taught that your salvation depends upon you (or in other words: that your salvation is not with God!), whether you are good enough, or whether you have done this or that, and done it well enough (this latter condition always follows, whether actually spoken or not!). For how can you ever have certainty that you have done it well enough, whatever it is that you have been told that you have to do to be saved?

Thanks be to God, though; the testimony of God in Holy Scripture is that your salvation is, in fact, with Him, and given to you, fully and completely, and freely and for nothing, out of His goodness and mercy alone.

"When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy", writes the holy Apostle Paul in his Letter to Titus. It is just not true that for God to save you requires that you first do this or that.

It is not true, either, that God "can not" (!) of save you without your help, or make a way for Himself to your heart.

"The Gospel is the power of God to salvation for all who believe." the Apostle writes in his Letter to the Romans, and: "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing comes through the Word of Christ" - that is: from the Word of His salvation, that He has Himself borne the judgement for the sin of all sinners, and gives His salvation to sinners, freely and for nothing, with His promise.

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him," says our Lord Jesus, and: "All that the Father gives to me will come to me, and whosoever comes to me I will by no means cast out."

So hear His promise, and believe it, and rejoice. And when you do, give Him thanks that He has made you to. because He wills your salvation, and wills it so much that He Himself has worked it and will bring it to completion. God is that good! All glory to Him, and to Him alone; as all glory is truly and rightfully His!

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