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"13 Things a Lost Person Cannot Do" Part 2

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You can read this entire article here, <http://72.219.6.125:81/13things.html>

9. **HE CANNOT BIRTH HIMSELF INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:** "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but of God." (John 1:13) "For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." (Romans 9:15-16)
10. **HE CANNOT PRODUCE REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN CHRIST:** "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (faith) not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) ". . . for all men have not faith." (2 Thessalonians 3:2) "For unto you it is given . . . to believe on him . . ." (Philippians 1:29) ". . . if God peradventure will give them repentance . . ." (2 Timothy 2:25) ". . . to them that have obtained like precious faith with us . . ." (2 Peter 1:1)
11. **HE CANNOT COME TO CHRIST:** "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him . . . Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father." (John 6:44, 65)**HE CANNOT KNOW HIS OWN HEART:** "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)
12. **HE CANNOT BELIEVE ON CHRIST:** "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep as I said unto you." (John 10:26)
13. **HE CANNOT PLEASE GOD:** "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. . . ." So, then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Romans 8:5, 8, 9)

SO THEN, MANKIND IS SHUT UP TO THE FACT OF HIS OWN TOTAL INABILITY TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT HIS LOST CONDITION.

In the light of these things which a spiritually dead (lost) sinner cannot do, how then do we account for the command of God to all men to repent? The Bible does state that God ". . . now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). What do we do about the counsel of God to men which says they are to believe on Christ? Would God command and instruct men to do that which they cannot do?

We answer an emphatic "Yes!" Our proof is the holy Law of God given to Moses on Mount Sinai. While there was nothing wrong with God's Law, no man is able to keep those commandments (1 Timothy 1:8; Romans 8:3). No man ever kept the Law of God and yet God was right to give it to man and command its keeping! By that Law we see ourselves as sinners (Romans 3:20).

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"Our Prayer List"

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

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"Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works"

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,
and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* Acts 1:8

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"A Message from Pastor Johnson"

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you,
taking the oversight thereof..."*

1st Peter 5:2

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous."

By Pastor Randy Johnson

1 Peter 3:12 *"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."*

God is not only watching us as a Protective Father, but His ears are always open to our prayers. We know that He loves us with an eternal love, not a love that came to be, but an eternal love that has always been with Him. Ah, if people only understood the truth about God and His election, and His gifting us to Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world, and in time saving our unworthy souls, they would stand in Ah! We who understand this still need reminding just how much God loves us and cares for us. God cares for us, He watches us, He sees and knows all that we go through in life. He knows about the persecution of His people, and He never fails to hear their cries. Because the eyes of the Lord never sleep, He never leaves us not even for a second, and He will make sure that nothing happens to us outside of His ordained will. Peter went on to write in verse 13 *"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?"* We need not ever to worry about our safety because God is our protector, and He controls the harm to us. God is Sovereign, He controls all powers, and nothing happens out of His control. As God's children we must remember who we are and who we belong to. We must remember that it is God who ordained our life for us and that we truly do move, live, and have our being as God has chosen. Our Father never gives us all the same of everything but is diverse in His blessings. **1 Corinthians 12:4 - 6** *"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."* God did not make His children all the same, He did not give us all the same blessings, He does not make us all identical, but we all have the same Father, the same Saviour and the same Holy Spirit working in our life. We all have equal protection from our Father and His eyes are forever on us. Wuest said in his commentary "The word "over" is literally "upon." The eyes of the Lord are directed in a favorable sense for the good of those that are righteous."

A Message from Pastor Johnson, Continued

We must remember the word of God and keep it in context, no matter what happens in life there is an ordained purpose behind it. God never loses sight of us; we never lose the eyes of our Father no matter where we are in this world. Our focus in life must be on pleasing our Heavenly Father not on prosperity, not on advancing, not on anything else but walking and living to please God. We must be the righteous among the lost, not only in words but also in action and deed. Paul wrote in, Eph 5:1 - 2 *"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (2) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."* As dear children Albert Barnes said, *"The meaning is, "as those children which are beloved follow the example of a father, so we, who are beloved of God, should follow his example."* *What a simple rule this is!"* Simple because it is the one thing in life, we must make our life battle. The eternal purpose of God is our life, the eyes of God never leave us, and our Heavenly Father will never leave or forsake us, what else could we ever ask for? What a blessing from Our Heavenly Father!

"Church Announcements and Upcoming Events"

- Please remember to pray daily for one another and our church. It is important that we (as a church) pray without ceasing and work for church unity with much love.

