

"13 Things a Lost Person Cannot Do" Part 3

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That was the purpose of the Law! While God requires repentance (the will to turn from sin) and faith (the will to believe in Christ), no man is able of himself to do either. Thus, as with the Law, man is forced to see that there is nothing good in him and that he cannot repent and believe savingly in Jesus Christ. Throughout the Bible God's children recognize their own inability to do anything to save themselves. In addition to the portions previously quoted in this tract, consider the following statements:

". . . I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." (Romans 7:18)

"Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

". . . I am shut up, and I cannot come forth." (Psalm 88:8)

"Turn us. O God of our salvation . . ." (Psalm 85:4)

". . . Turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God." (Jeremiah 31:18)

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee . . ." (Isaiah 64:6, 7)

". . . Salvation is of the LORD" (Jonah 2:9).

Those who think that they can properly repent of their own ability and savingly believe of their own faith fall into error. They trust in their own ability and not in the saving work of Jesus Christ! Is not this true of those who boast of their past sins and their turning from them? Do they not claim that they did it themselves? Repeatedly we hear this in their popular "testimony meetings." Some are willing to share the glory and admit that they had a little help from God, but even this is wicked confidence in the flesh. And do not some religionists boast of their faith as if it was some great thing worthy of reward? Faith (confidence) in my faith or in my turning to God is not ". . . the faith of God's elect." (Titus 1:1)

Part 4 & Conclusion Next Week

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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*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

"A Message from Pastor Johnson"

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

1st Peter 5:2

"Nothing can separate us from God's love."

Romans 8:38 - 39 *"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, is the love that will never leave us, we cannot even lose it at will. How anyone could read this passage of scripture and believe that we could ever be lost after God saves us is beyond me. It is not that God come to love us after we are saved, but that Jesus Christ is God showing us His love. God said His love is an "everlasting love" and it is because of that very love that He draws us to Christ. *"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."* Jeremiah 31:3 God said it is because of this everlasting love that He elected to send His own Son Jesus Christ in the likeness of sinful flesh, to suffer greatly and die a horrible death at the hands of wicked and evil men. No one know if God will ever "draw them" to Jesus Christ for salvation but once He does, He show us His everlasting love in that drawing, as He saves our souls. Now, we must understand that God loves those He calls and draws because those are the people, He has such a great love for, and if God does not call a lost soul they will never come to Christ. Jesus said in John 6:44 *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."* But once God calls you, then you will be shown the eternal love God has for you from eternity past. Once God calls, you will come to Jesus Christ and find your blessed Saviour and see in Him God's love. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* Romans 8:14

Now let us understand that God's love is not temporary, oh no, it never ends and neither does the gift of salvation to all that God called and saves in His Son Jesus Christ. People who believe in a weak salvation and believe that somehow a child of God can be kicked out of God's family does not understand God and His love. They do not understand the salvation that we are blessed with by the grace of God and the blessings that are in Jesus Christ. Jesus said in John 6:39 *"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."*

A Message from Pastor Johnson, Continued

If Jesus said that He will not lose any souls the Father gave Him, then how can man say that He can? Why would anyone who has been saved by God's grace and shown God's eternal love in Jesus Christ ever want to believe that somehow, we could be separated God's love from us? Therefore, Paul under the power of the Holy Spirit wrote these words, *"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Anything one could imagine is included in this passage of scripture. God included "angels" both God's angels and Satan's angels, He also included all powers that be, and He included *"nor things present, nor things to come"*, and last, He included us, *"nor any other creature"*. I don't know about some people, but it most certainly sounds like our salvation stands on very solid ground and safe in Jesus Christ. Thank You Lord!

"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.
- Happy Anniversary to Brother Medic and Sister Mhalyn Lavina Sunday December 10th

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

- Revelation 1:3 (KJV) -

