

You Are Never Beyond God's Power To Save

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You can live in confidence of God's continuing work for your salvation, Romans 8.1. Forgiveness is not a one time event. Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them, Hebrews 7.25. You can always approach the Father, confess your sin, and be assured that He will always welcome you back into His grace, 1 John 1.7-9.

But, what about sins and shortcomings you can't presently see or recognize? Every Christian is in a growing process, 2 Peter 1.5-11. Looking back at your life you may see shortcomings and sin that you committed previously that you only now have come to recognize with growth and maturity in Christ. Does this mean you were not saved then? While you must never be content with your weaknesses, you must also leave room for God's patience, grace, and mercy. God understands your situation perfectly. He knows every circumstance. He knows your heart. He knows you are in the midst of a process of growth and maturation.

There is no one who God wishes to be lost, 2 Peter 3.9. See what the Holy Spirit says a little later in the chapter: *Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen,* 2 Peter 3.14-15, 18. God sees the big picture. God lives to give you time to grow and become stronger. While you must never take His patience for granted, knowledge of His patience should bring great comfort.

Consider how Jesus handled the constant setbacks of the apostles. They struggled in understanding the concept and scope of the Kingdom - even up to the night before Jesus' death. Jesus' impending death and the spiritual nature of His kingdom were a constant theme in Jesus' ministry. Yet, they just could not fully grasp God's entire plan. Not once do we see Jesus casting them off and giving up on them. He constantly gave them new chances to learn and apply the knowledge.

God will never give up on you! *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus,* Philippians 1.6. God constantly holds out hope as you navigate through life - and learn more about Him. He is patient and He wants you to achieve the highest possible good.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom, Luke 12.32.