

Have Confidence Your God is Sufficient!

“Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God” (2 Corinthians 3:4-5).

The Apostle Paul told the people of Corinth that the power of his ministry was not in himself but in the power of His God. Paul, who seemed to live with a very humble view of God’s grace, knew that it wasn’t his strength but rather the Lord at work within him. Paul knew that apart from abiding in Christ as Jesus Himself once said, “you can do nothing” (John 15:5). You see, it is within the sufficiency of God that we find true confidence in God.

The Sufficiency of God in short means that the Lord is adequate, that He is able, that He is enough, and that He holds the power to hold us up when we can’t even walk... And it is within a deeper understanding of who God is that drives our confidence in Him. In other words, when one grows in the knowledge of God’s grace, one begins to see how majestically powerful God truly is as their Creator and Savior... It is then that they realize that they can trust the One True and Awesome God who reigns from the heavens!

And the question for us all, is are we at that place? First, like Paul do we realize how sufficient God is? Do we know that His strength and grace is what gives us life and what will sustain us in this life? And secondly, are we relying upon His power in our lives? Are we leaning on the Everlasting Arms? Are we taking leaps of faith knowing that the God who said “Go” is the God who will go before us and help us as we go in faith? As Christians, we must learn to put our confidence in Christ because of the absolute certainty of the sufficiency of God on our behalf.

And so, the next time that you face that uphill battle, take a step in confidence dear Christian because your God is sufficient! When the finances are tight, have confidence your God is sufficient! When the stress at work is keeping you up at night, have confidence your God is sufficient! When the family concerns are weighing you down, have confidence your God is sufficient! When the grief just keeps getting lonelier, have confidence your God is sufficient! When the anxiety won’t go away, have confidence your God is sufficient! When the suffering storm keeps rolling in, have confidence your God is sufficient!

Oh, how we ALL must be preachers! How we all must preach to our souls every morning that we wake. This life is too hard, and the devil is too tricky, and the flesh is too fallen to think that we can just skip through this pilgrim way with ease.... No brothers and sisters, it’s called “the good fight of faith” for a reason (1 Timothy 6:12). And so, in faith, preach to your soul this very day the sermon Paul used to preach, “Have confidence your God is sufficient!”

Respect the Blood,
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