BIBLE READING John 6:22-40

Some people struggle with the issue of being a Christian, and many are not Christians because they believe that God wouldn't answer their prayer of salvation. But I disagree with their assumption. When an honest heart cries out to God for salvation, God will not turn that person away. The key is a heart of honesty. God sees each and every motive – God knows why the heart cries to Him for help. He understands if it's a repentant heart, or if it's a heart of a hypocrite.

Peter gave us this assurance: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). What a wonderful verse of Scripture. Did you hear what Jesus said? "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me" That's the sovereign side of salvation. Has God shown you that you need Him? If you know that you do, that is God in His sovereign side of salvation calling you. Then Jesus went on to say, "... and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Did you get that? If you come to Jesus, He said, "... I will in no wise cast out." Jesus assures us that if we come to Him, He will not turn us away, nor will He ever discard us.

In fact, Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, "Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (11:28).

Read for your own personal benefit one of the most heartfelt testimonies in all of Scripture of the grace and mercy of God in I Timothy 1:12-17.

Ask yourself, if God would save a person as described in I Timothy 1:12-17, don't you think he would save anyone who came to Him by faith and faith alone?

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