

GOD IS ABLE

Introduction

- 1) **Luke 14:28-30** – man is *unable* to do some things due to...
 - a) Unforeseen circumstances
 - b) Powerless
 - c) Impossible
- 2) Man is unable to save himself from sin or conquer death
- 3) God is “able” (Eph. 3:20a; Gk. *dunamai* = to be able, to have power)
 - a) Related to *dunamis* – power, force, might, ability (Rev. 7:12; Eng. *dynamite*)
 - b) God is all-powerful, His ability is without limit, and His power works in us (Eph. 3:20b)
- 4) God is able to...

I) **SAVE**

- A) Christ is “able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him” (Heb. 7:25)
 - 1) This is because he “ever lives to make intercession for them” (vv. 16, 23-25)
 - 2) Jesus will never be stopped by death from saving us
- B) The gospel of Christ is the “power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16)
- C) God is “able to establish you according to the gospel” (Rom. 16:25)
 - 1) We are made constant and confirmed in mind and action by the gospel
 - 2) Makes us able to grow and mature in godliness (cf. Jas. 3:2)

II) **HELP**

- A) God is able to help in times of trouble and temptation
 - 1) “He is able to aid those who are tempted” (Heb. 2:18)
 - a) He is able to aid because He Himself suffered, being tempted (cf. 4:15)
 - 2) He is “able to keep you from stumbling” (Jude 24)
 - a) Provides a way of escape that we may be “able” to endure temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)
- B) God is able to help us meet our needs and use us in His service
 - 1) God is “able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work” (2 Cor. 9:8)
 - a) Written in a context of being able to be a cheerful and bountiful giver (vv. 6-11)

III) **REWARD**

- A) God is able to “keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Tim. 1:12)
 - 1) Paul had committed his life to Christ and the gospel – he was persuaded that God would reward in the final Day of Judgment
- B) God is able to change our lowly bodies to conform to His glorious body fit for eternal life (Phil. 3:21)
- C) God and His word is “able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified” (Acts 20:32)
 - 1) This inheritance is reserved in heaven for us (1 Pet. 1:4)
 - 2) We will be able to enter – “an entrance will be supplied to you” (2 Pet. 1:11)

Conclusion

God is Able!! Do you believe in His ability? Trust in Him and His word and you will be able to grow, serve, and live eternally!