

Infinite Help by the Infinite God

When we think of God there are many notions of Him that fill the minds of different people, but when it comes to understanding who God is, our opinions and thoughts do not matter in the very least. While that may be offense to our ego, we must understand that mankind is a fallen creature, whose mind and thoughts are tainted by our sinful nature. It is because of that limitation we are incapable of conceiving of who God is, unless something changes (1 Corinthians 2:9-14). In fact, the natural man's understanding of a god is driven by and thus limited by his proud and sin-filled heart, which results in conceiving of a god made from human imagination and innovation. Philosophers have been doing this for centuries. It is only by God revealing Himself to man through His word, the Holy Scriptures, that man is able to know the true and living God; and even then, it is only by the Holy Spirit giving that person the ability to understand the things of God, as we learn from the passage above.

So you see the great limitations that bind finite mankind, even in his own thoughts. But that is far from being the case with the true and living God. He is infinite in His being, meaning He is infinitely perfect in His being. God is without limitation and defect, on the one hand, and boundless in ability on the other hand. With respect to time, He is eternal, He is not bound by time, so for Him, there is no past or future (Psalm 90:20). We would say that God "possesses the whole of His existence in indivisible present" (Berkhof). How else could He declare the beginning from the end, according to Isaiah 46:10? With respect to space, He is immense; that is to say, He is not limited by space; He transcends space, and yet, though is not a part of space, He is ever "present in every point of space with His whole Being" (Berkhof) (see also, Psalm 139:7-10).

So we see that the true and living God is everywhere present at all times. There is nothing hidden from Him (Jeremiah 23:23,24); He sees every sin we commit against Him, whether it is a sin of lust in our hearts, or a sinful action or gesture. He knows whether we are speaking a lie or speaking the truth. Indeed, God looks down from heaven seeing mankind and has said, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9; see also Romans 3:10-18). Because of the sinfulness of mankind, everyone stands condemned before the living and true God, who also infinite in His justice. Indeed, we learn from Romans 3:23, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." And the punishment for sin is death, which is everlasting separation from the grace and blessing of God, everlasting darkness, and torment. So you see the desperation of man's condition – it is hopeless; and man can do nothing to help himself to save himself; on the contrary, he only adds to his guilt daily (Galatians 3:10-11, cf. Genesis 8:20; Psalm 51:3-5). Unless a person understands not only the distinction between the infinite living and true God, and finite man, but also his desperately hopeless and helpless condition, a person will not be able to see the only way of salvation is through Christ Jesus our Lord; for there is no hope of reconciliation between the infinite God, and the finite human, without Jesus Christ. Thus, all men everywhere are commanded to repent of their sin and come to Christ by faith alone, trusting in His one sacrifice on the cross whereupon He shed His precious blood to atone for the sins of His people from sin, obtaining thereby the forgiveness of sins, salvation, righteousness, and everlasting life.

The infinite God, who is not only infinite in justice is also infinite in grace to all His elect, whom He has chosen out of a race of sinners, like you and I. His grace abounds toward all who put their trust in Christ and His atoning work on the cross (Ephesians 1:7-9), redeeming His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21), saving them from eternal damnation and death (Romans 6:23), by suffering on the cross and before God eternal wrath against the sin, and obtained for them the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and everlasting life (1 Peter 2:24). Only through Jesus Christ is there reconciliation

between the infinite God and man (II Corinthians 5:18-19). Only in Christ is there hope and help for finite fallen men and women to live eternally with the infinite, true and living God.

Won't you this day be reconciled to God? Confess your sins in true repentance and come to Christ by true faith, resting alone in His redeeming work on the cross. And then, with a thankful heart, won't you serve Him who redeemed you from sin and death, to live unto Him all the days of your life? For those who profess faith in Christ, let us take comfort in knowing that God is infinite, transcending the limits of space and time because it was in His infinite love for His elect that He sent His only begotten Son to die on the cross for our sins, how much more will He in that love care for us whom He has redeemed. He sees our circumstances and knows the trials and tribulations we endure, and will keep us safe and deliver us from our days of trouble as we come to Him in true faith seeking His wisdom, looking to Him for strength by His word and His Spirit. Let us remember, nothing can "separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" no matter how bad things get. Meditate upon Romans 8:35-39 and let your heart be comforted from the word of promise from the infinite God, who love us with an infinite love, according to the riches of His abounding grace through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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