

## **AND GOD SAYS . . .**

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“God is just a crutch that people use in their weakness.” So I have heard said many times. It is said scornfully of both the existence of God and of the people who look to God for help. Those who use this adage seem to believe themselves to be self-sufficient and without need of help.

But let’s look at the truth. First, a crutch is a good thing, not bad. The person who refuses to use a crutch is actually worse off than the one who chooses to use it. It could actually make their condition worse whereas the one who uses the crutch gets better faster. So the one who is to be pitied is the proud person who refuses to use a crutch rather than the one who does.

Secondly, we are all in need of help sometime in our life. None of us is truly self-sufficient. Some need more help than others, to be sure, but we all need others to help us. To criticize someone because they ask for help seems ludicrous. Yet that is exactly what these mockers are doing.

Thirdly, spiritually speaking, we don’t need a crutch, we need a life support system, or better yet, we need spiritual CPR. You see, God says, “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins ... God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:1, 4-5).

God not only performed spiritual CPR, he brought us back from the dead! He made us a new person through Jesus Christ.

So God, who is real, is not merely a crutch, He is our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord. He sent Jesus, His Son, to take our sin and to die in our place, so that He, Jesus, could cover us with His righteousness so that we can be saved. That is grace! That is salvation!

That salvation becomes ours, not automatically upon death, but right now through faith in Jesus Christ as God’s Son— faith that He died and rose again, paying our penalty and overcoming its curse.

Friend, do you believe? Have you told God you believe? If not, do so today and receive



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God's grace unto salvation.