

A GREAT SAVIOUR

The following story is told of Daniel Webster when he was in the prime of his manhood. He was dining with a company of literary men in Boston and during the dinner the conversation turned to the subject of Christianity. Mr Webster frankly stated his belief in the divinity of Christ and his dependence upon the atonement of the Saviour.

One of the group said to him, "Mr. Webster, can you comprehend how Christ could be both God and man?" Mr. Webster promptly replied, "No, Sir, I cannot comprehend it. If I could comprehend Him, He would be no greater than myself. I feel that I need a superhuman Saviour."

Obviously Mr. Webster had been divinely taught, for it is only as we realize something of the depths of our corruption by nature that we can feel the need of a great Saviour. If we were not great sinners we would have no need of a great Saviour. If we deserved a chance to be saved, then on those same grounds we would deserve to be saved. And if we deserved to be saved then we would not be great sinners.

We must be brought to the place that we can truthfully say with the apostle Paul "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"...before we can truly feel the need of a great Saviour. As long as we can still cling to even a shred of our own righteousness for a home in heaven, we still will not feel to need a great Saviour. The arminian Saviour will suffice us until we are stripped down in the dust of self-abasement. After that nothing but the Almighty Saviour of the Bible will suffice (Preferably the King James Authorized Translation).

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