



## "Does unbelief and lack of faith prevent redemption"

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How does faith in Jesus, belief in God and salvation work, if you are a Universalist? Traditional understandings come in many forms. First we must look at two widely accepted cases for redemption. If salvation comes by *free-will* then the necessary knowledge of Christ will prevent many from receiving redemption. Many countries are without Bibles and missionaries. And if '*free will*' determines how salvation is attained, then it is solely not resting in Christ, but in human ability/ works. Second, if some are chosen, and some are not, how can one fully embrace a God of unconditional love as scripture repeatedly indicates for all created beings?

***"This happened because of God's undeserved kindness and not because of anything they have done. It could not have happened except for God's gift of undeserved grace. "-Romans 11:6 (CEV)***

*It is human nature to take credit for attaining salvation.* What about those who have no faith? Can having no knowledge prevent this faith, and if so, is someone without any hope of receiving this gift? The simple answer is the basis for redemption is not prevented by human ignorance or unwillingness; redemption is based solely on the work of Christ, "**so no man can boast.**" There is no factor that can prevent anyone from receiving God's Grace. Even the unwilling will receive underserved Grace? How is this possible?

***What if some did not believe and had no faith? Does their lack of faith and their faithlessness nullify and make ineffective and void the faithfulness of God and His fidelity [to His Word]? By no means! -Romans Chapter 3:1-4 (AMP)***

Faith and works together is not what saves anyone, it is what prepares us; "*for the Kingdom of heaven is near*". Also see Hebrews 9:12

But isn't there a deadline? According to human standards a deadline must exist, isn't this our assumption? Death is not an obstacle for the creator of the universe. Even after death He still works to bring all men to the knowledge of Christ in order to redeem. The redeemer doesn't give up on anyone!

***For God has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all. -Romans 11:32 (NAS)***

**Thought:** Nothing is impossible with God; our minds cannot comprehend how far, how wide His love really is for everyone, even those who we deem are a lost cause. See Ephesians 3:19

**Verses:** See Romans 8:38-39, Psalm 139:6-8, Jeremiah 31:34, 1 Peter 3:19.

**Prayer:** Thank you Father for what men could not accomplish on their own, but you have generously given all the gift of your Love and Grace, there is nothing we do can earn this, it is free and underserved. Amen.