

Not SHOULD but COULD

When Christ was hanging, dying on the cross He was surrounded with turmoil on every side. There were the hateful, vindictive religious people there. There were the cold, crude, and cruel soldiers present. There were the hopeless, fearful, mourners watching. There were mockers both beneath and beside Him while His entire body screamed with pain.

And then there was one who said, '*Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!*'
[Luk 23:42]

There was no reason that Jesus SHOULD have saved him. But He COULD.... **so He did.**

The same is true when I come to Him.

There is nothing that I can do to *force* Him to save me. There is no external law or superior force that *requires* Him to save me. The GOD-NESS of God saved and saves me.

He could, so He did; **He can, so He does.**

Oh, I am well aware of the promises of God which “require” Him to respond to my faith and obedience, but I am also aware that my faith is riddled with unbelief and my obedience is selective, partial, and often fleeting.

I am not advocating unbelief or disobedience as a way of life; I am simply celebrating the wonderful mercy and the glorious grace [the GOD-NESS] of God. I marvel that HE Who is perfect in love and patience and goodness and mercy and power and righteousness would save the likes of that thiefand me.

I pause to ponder the thought that - It is not the “SHOULD” but the “COULD” that saved the thief andand me.

There is no doubt but that the thief represents every one who is saved. **It is a GOD-SIZED glorious act of mercy and grace.**

This is the gospel, the good news, – that God could and would, and at great personal expense DID SAVE HIM! And even now, He saves the dying thief living within each of us.

Because He CAN He DOES.

Joh 6:37 "*All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.*

Don'tcha just love HIM?!!!

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