

It's ALL About the CONNECTION

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:5

As a teenager, Robert lost his arms in an accident. Although life for Robert was difficult in the years that followed, he came to the realization that life could go on and he could still live a useful life even though he had no arms. Robert was determined not to give up.

Now in his 60s, Robert’s days are still filled with challenges he would never have faced if not for his accident. But in spite of certain inconveniences Robert has found new ways to do old things. He still loads his wood stove, lights the fire, and drives his truck.

Engineers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, have been developing “next generation” robotic prosthetics and Robert has excitedly been part of the testing. Surgery to remap nerves from his missing arms allows Robert—when connected to the custom made arm sockets—to control the robotic arms and hands just by thinking about what movements he wants to make. With the aid of these robotic prosthetics, Robert is able to perform the everyday tasks that most other people take for granted.

I was reminded of salvation when I read this story. Sin severed us from righteousness

and heaven and we were doomed to be lost forever! But God engineered a way to reconnect us to Himself. Through the death of His only Son, Jesus, and our surrender to Him we would regain righteousness and eternal life.

When a rock climber is scaling the face of a rocky mountain and loses his grip and falls—that’s okay—as long as he is connected from above. It’s all about the connection. In this journey called life, there will be times when you fall, but if you are connected with Jesus on a daily basis you will experience God working in you to perform His will in your life (Philippians 2:13).

No matter how desperate your circumstances may seem, God promises that when you confess your sins He is faithful and just to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Just as the repentant sinner brought the spotless lamb to the tabernacle and his sins were transferred to the lamb while the sinner walked away forgiven, you can also have the assurance of forgiveness and the full coverage of the righteousness of Christ.

The robotic prosthetic arms being developed for people like Robert are not inexpensive. But salvation is free, heaven paid the price for you! What are you doing on a daily basis to maintain your connection? 🐾



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Promises to REMEMBER

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

For it is _____ who works _____ you both to _____ and to _____ for His good pleasure.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5

Let this _____ be in you which was also in _____.

ROMANS 4:5

But to him who does not _____ but _____ on Him who justifies the ungodly, his _____ is accounted for _____.

GALATIANS 2:20

I have been _____ with Christ; it is no longer _____ who live, but _____ lives in me; and the _____ which I now live in the flesh I live by _____ in the Son of God, who loved me and _____ Himself for me.

JOHN 3:16

For _____ so loved the world that He _____ His _____ begotten _____, that whosoever _____ in Him should not _____ but have _____ life.



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