

# OUR HOPE IS IN HELP

*What Keeps Us from Asking for Help &  
How We Live by Leaning on God's Word*

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## Foreword

The core truths about the Christian faith bear repeating. Pierce Taylor Hibbs has a gift for communicating core truths in creative and engaging ways. So you are invited to read, digest, enjoy, and also grow.

But this book has another side to it. There are some things so horrible that we cannot get ourselves to look at them. Pierce Hibbs has given us help, by enabling us to look, and admit our failure. He does so by telling us again about the one ultimate remedy, salvation in Christ. He tells us in such a way that we can also dare to look at what is too horrible, namely sin. Hibbs takes the mask off and shows us the disintegrating desire at the heart of sin—the desire for autonomy. I might say that Hibbs has put his finger on the central characteristic of the godless rebellion of the Western world. The desire for autonomy is deep, deep there, and it exists in the siren song to “be authentically you.” I might say so, if it were not also the case, as Hibbs shows us, that in the end autonomy is the

central characteristic of human rebellion through all times, beginning with the garden of Eden.

The reach for autonomy fails every time. It disappoints every time. It destroys every time. And yet people return to it again and again, like a dog that “returns to its own vomit” (2 Pet. 2:22). Eat, sicken, expel, collapse. Repeat.

Hibbs knows, like a good healer, that he has to present the remedy that God has given us in Christ, along with the blindness that he exposes. The combination is what makes his book an especially powerful communication of the message that our hope is in help. And he reminds us again of the one from whom our help comes.

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