

Relentless

A 10-year-old boy recently got caught in the powerful waves off a Santa Cruz, California beach. A 16-year-old lifeguard quickly responded. The lifeguard, Ryder Williams, grabbed the boy and clung to him as they were pummeled by the waves. Video footage showed how Williams would take a deep breath and lean into the approaching crashing wave while holding tightly to the boy.

Despite the relentless waves, the lifeguard never let go of the boy. He managed to get the boy to shore where he was reunited with his family and evaluated by medical personnel revealing no serious injuries.

Williams is being hailed as a hero, even being commended as such by President Donald Trump. *

Drawing too close to the powerful surf of sin, each of us has been pulled into its grasp. Sin is both enslaving (John 8:34) and deadly (Romans 6:23).

But God sent His Son to rescue us from the clutches of sin. Jesus “gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father” (Galatians 1:4 NASB). Jesus’ rescue required His death on the cross to pay the price for our redemption from sin (Ephesians 1:7).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

As long as we cling to Him through our trusting obedience, the Lifeguard will never let us go and will safely bring us to the heavenly shore.

“O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.”
-- George Matheson

-- David A. Sargent

* Information gleaned from “Heroic 16-year-old lifeguard rescues child from monster surf in heart-stopping video” by Bonny Chu of Fox News, www.foxnews.com.