The Great Physician

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Text: Luke 5:29-32

### Intro

1. Medical science has made great strides in addressing the sicknesses and diseases of mankind, and has found cures to many of the diseases that appeared incurable in times past.
	1. Those that work in the medical profession can and do amazing things!
	2. Yet, while doctors and medicine can treat the body and mind, there is an incurable disease of the soul: Sin *(Like leprosy, a debilitating and destructive condition)*
	3. There is only one Physician that can cure it: Christ! (Mt. 9:2-6, 11-12; Lk. 5:29-32)
	4. He produced the cure long ago, but it is up to us to seek it out and administer it so that we do not suffer an eternal torment! *(Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:8-9)*
2. Jesus was foretold to be the “Healer of the world”
	1. Is. 53:4-5: “By His scourging we are healed” – “by His wounds you were healed” (I Pet. 2:21-24)
	2. Mt. 9:11-12; Lk. 5:29-32: Jesus said He came to save sinners (not the well that need a physician but the sick – He was saying sinners are sick)
3. Jesus, the Great Physician, can heal your soul of sin and give you eternal life!

#### The Great Physician: Forgives

* 1. Mt. 9:2-6: Forgave sins and healed the physical body!
		1. From compassion Jesus healed the sick *(Mt. 14:14)*–concerned for their physical bodies. He also preached the gospel *(Mt. 4:4:23-24; 11:5)*–concerned for souls!
	2. Jesus provides forgiveness and heals the broken hearted through the gospel: Lk. 4:18-19
		1. II Thess. 2:14: The gospel calls us to Christ *(Mt. 11:28-30)*
		2. II Thess. 1:7-9: Obeying the gospel will save us from the wrath of God! *(Rom. 5:8-9)*
	3. Those who come to Him for forgiveness have the hope of Heaven: I Pet.1:3-5
		1. Jn. 3:14-16: As Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness *(Num. 21:8)*, so Jesus would be lifted up.
		2. The serpent healed the people if they looked at it *(Num. 21:9),* so too, man must look to Jesus to be healed from sin (through obedience) – Jn. 12:32
	4. We can be healed if we will hear the voice of Jesus: Mt. 13:14-17
		1. Is. 53:5; I Pet. 2:24; Eph. 1:7: His blood washes away sin and grants forgiveness in baptism.
		2. Acts 2:38; 22:16: Obedience to the gospel begins with baptism for the forgiveness of sins! *Like healing of Naaman – II Kings 5:10: “Go & wash!”*
	5. Jesus, the Great Physician, sacrificed His life that we might be forgiven of our sins!

#### The Great Physician: Saves

* 1. Jesus is our Savior because He is the Lamb of God who shed His blood for our salvation: Mt. 1:21; Jn. 1:29 (I Jn. 3:5); I Pet.1:18-20: Jesus saves!
	2. Jesus can sympathize with all our infirmities because He was tempted in all points as we are: Heb. 4:14-16 (Can save us when we call to Him)
		1. Lk. 4:22-24: “Physician, heal yourself!” (Old Proverb)
			1. The meaning is this: A man attempts to heal another when he himself is diseased in the same manner. Natural for the sick to ask him first to cure himself, and thus to show he was worthy of confidence.
			2. They were saying, “You profess to be the Messiah. You have performed miracles at Capernaum. You profess to be able to deliver us from our maladies, our sins, our afflictions. Show that you have the power, that you are worthy of our confidence, by working miracles here, as you profess to have done at Capernaum.”
		2. Mk. 15:3: The rulers mocked Him saying, “He saved others. He cannot save Himself” *(Mt. 27:42; Lk. 23:35).*
		3. Lk. 24:5-6: “He is not here. He is risen” *All the proof for mankind that He is worthy of our confidence and obedience!* *(Acts 17:30-31: Will judge the world)*
	3. In order to have the salvation that He offers…
		1. We must first believe in Him: *Jn. 8:24; Acts 8:36-38; 16:30-31*
		2. We must confess Him as Lord, the Son of God: *Acts 8:37;Rom. 10:9;I Jn. 4:15*
		3. We must repent of our sins: *Acts 2:37-38*
		4. We must be baptized: *Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5* (In baptism we share in the likeness of His death and burial, and one day in His resurrection!)
			1. *Baptism puts one in Christ (Gal. 3:27) and in to the body of Christ, the church (I Cor. 12:13), and Christ is the Savior of the body! (Eph. 5:23)*
		5. Remain faithful: *Jn. 8:31; I Jn. 5:2-3; Rev. 2:10*
	4. Salvation is for all who love Him: *II Tim. 4:6-8; Js. 1:12* (Heb. 5:9: Jesus saves!)
		1. To love Him is to obey Him – I Jn. 4:16-19; 5:2-3; II Jn. 6
	5. Jesus, the Great Physician, saves those who love Him! (Shown by their obedience)

#### The Great Physician: Grants Eternal Life

* 1. It is the desire of Jesus to provide sinful mankind with an eternal home with Him in Heaven: Jn. 14:1-6; I Pet. 1:4
	2. Through Him we can look forward to wearing the crown of life with Him: Js. 1:12
		1. II Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 2:10: Those who love Him are those who do His will and obey His commands *(Jn. 14:15; I Jn. 2:3-6; 3:24; 4:16-19; 5:2-3; II Jn. 6).*
	3. One day, He will come again that we might rise to meet Him in the air: I Thess. 4:16-18
	4. After that, He will take us to stand before His throne where we shall join with the redeemed of all ages to sing eternal praises to Him: Rev. 5:8-14
	5. Those whose names are written in the Book of Life will live forever with Him – Rev. 20:11-15 (Mt. 25:34, 46)
	6. Jesus, the Great Physician, will return one day to carry us home to Heaven!

## Conclusion

1. While medical science will surely continue making strides and breakthroughs in healing mankind’s physical ailments, there is still only one (and will always be only one) cure for the sin of man: Jesus Christ *(Acts 4:12),* the Great Physician! *(I Pet. 2:24)*
	1. Jesus forgives! *(Eph. 1:7)*
	2. Jesus saves! *(Heb. 5:9)*
	3. Jesus grants eternal life! *(Mt. 25:34, 46)*
2. As children of God, we sometimes fall *(Rom. 3:23),* and Jesus, “The Great Physician,” is still ready to heal us and forgive us when we repent and turn to back Him *(I Jn. 1:9)!*
3. Jesus is worthy of our praises *(Rev. 5:12)* because we can turn to Him and find spiritual healing from the one and only “Great Physician!”
4. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
5. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
6. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!