

The Great Physician

Introduction

Luke 4:18

1. **Jesus is the great physician, and he came to earth to cure men of sin.**
2. **Jesus also heals the brokenhearted through his words.**
3. **Jesus gives sight to those who are spiritually blind.**
4. **There is a song that we sing about the Great Physician.**
 - The great physician now is near, The sympathizing Jesus, He speaks the drooping heart to cheer, O hear the voice of Jesus.
 - Your many sins are all forgiven, O hear the voice of Jesus, Go on your way in peace to heaven, And wear a crown with Jesus.
5. **Let's compare the Great Physician Jesus Christ and the modern physician of today.**

What Kind of Physician Is Christ?

1. He Knows Our Case:

John 2:24-25 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

- A. Ordinarily we go back to the same doctor because he knows our case.
- B. Jesus knows all about our case, he knows our every need.
- C. Even while Jesus was on earth, he knew what men were thinking.

2. Jesus Is Able To Save Every Single Patient!

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

- A. Every doctor loses a patient occasionally.
- B. Jesus never loses a patient, able to save every person who comes to Him.

3. He Is a Sympathetic Physician:

- A. Most people like a kind sympathetic physician who takes a personal interest in his patients.
- B. Jesus is the kindest and most sympathetic physician you could ever know.
- C. Jesus wept when he saw others weeping over the death of Lazarus.
John 11:32-36
- D. Jesus sympathizes with us because he experienced the same temptations we experience.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

What Can Christ Cure?

1. The greatest disease of our Soul.

Psalms 41:4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

- A. Only Christ can cure us of sin.

Romans 11:26-27 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

- B. Ordinary physicians can cure bodily ailments, but they can not cure sin.

What Are the Stages of this Disease?

1. **Any bad disease passes through several stages.**
2. **Sin passes through several stages.**
3. **Sin starts like a speck of dust, but it grows to the size of a mountain.**
4. **First Stage: Lust or Evil Desires.**

James 1:14-15 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;

A. Like a germ causes smallpox, **lust causes the disease of sin.**

1) **Lust: "over-mastering desire; an intense desire"**

5. **Second Stage: Practice of Sin.**

Romans 1:32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who **practice such things** are worthy of death, not only do the same but also **approve of those who practice them.**

Galatians 5:21 ".....I also told you in time past, that those who **practice such things** will not inherit the kingdom of God."

2 Peter 2:14 having eyes full of adultery and that **cannot cease from sin**, beguiling unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.

A. Sin makes slaves of men, and they are controlled by the sin in their lives.

6. Final Stage: Death.

James 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

A. The final stage of any fatal disease is death.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

B. Adam brought death into the world by his sin, and all men have continued to die since Adam because of their **own sins.**

What Is Christ's Remedy for Sin?

1. One reason human physicians can not cure sin is they do not have the right medicines.

A. They can only prescribe medicines for physical ailments to their patients.

2. Let's look at Jesus' medicines prescribed for the deadly disease of sin.

- Understanding that medicine is only as good as it is used as prescribed by the physician**

A. **The Word of God.**

Psalms 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

- 1) The first step in a sinner's treatment is to hear the gospel, which then generates faith (Romans 10:17).**

B. Faith (Hebrews 11:6).

John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

- 1) **Jesus only heals people spiritually who believe he is the Son of God.**

C. Repentance.

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Luke 13:5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

- 1) **The great physician has prescribed a deep and genuine sorrow for sins committed.**

D. Baptism.

- **To a blind man, Jesus commanded:**
John 9:7-11
- 1) **Jesus healed a blind man by commanding him to wash in the pool of Siloam.**
- 2) **Jesus heals spiritually sick people today through a washing in water.**

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

3) When we are baptized in water, the blood of Christ washes away our sins.

Romans 6:3-4 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

4) The blood of Christ is the complete and lasting remedy for sin.

a) This is the remedy for the sins of an unfaithful Christian.

--- **If our sins are public, we should confess them publicly.**

--- **God is as faithful to forgive as we are to confess.**

E. Confession and Prayer.

Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Why Doesn't Christ Heal All People?

1. Many will not come to the master physician!

John 5:39-40 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But **you are not willing to come to Me** that you may have life.

A. We must come to Jesus to be healed.

1) When physically sick - we **go to** our doctor.

B. As our doctor can't help us if we do not go to him, It is impossible for Jesus to save those who refuse or neglect to come to Him.

- All He can do is invite us to come to Him.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

C. If we will come to Jesus, he will gladly heal all our soul's diseases.

2. Unfortunately, many will not obey.

A. It is a waste of time to visit a doctor, if you do not obey his orders and take the prescribed medication.

1) Likewise, when we come to Jesus, we must be willing to accept and do that which he prescribes.

Luke 6:46-49

- B. It does not benefit a person to recognize Christ as Lord if he does not obey His commandments.**

Hebrews 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

- C. Jesus will save those who obey him from eternal death.**

Who Needs the Great Physician?

- 1. Healthy people do not need a doctor, but rather sick people.**
 - A. As everyone is in need of a physician at sometime in their life, everyone of us have a need for the great physician**
Romans 6:23
- 2. If you are an alien sinner (one who has never yet come to the great physician to be cleansed of sin through baptism, or if you have been an unfaithful Christian, you need the great physician and you need him now ---- before it is everlastingly too late!**
 - A. Listen to the words of "The Great Physician."**

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, **but those who are sick**. I did not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**, to repentance."

- 1) The Great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus.**
- 2) Won't you HEAR the voice of Jesus today?**

