

## **The Gospel According to John**

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1. Last week I taught a few examples of our Lord's healing as found in the four Gospels. When the clock tolled 7:45 we were about to begin an exegesis of Joh 5:18-24.

2. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we will begin new material at point seven below.

2.1 The Bible teaches that human beings may look to God for direct healing. Divine healing is a subject over which differences of opinion have existed from early in the history of the Christian church.

3. Some of the healings recorded in the Bible were with means as in the case of Hezekiah where the means used was a poultice of figs, wine was a means in the case of Timothy and music in the case of Saul. 2Ki 20:7; 1Ti 5:23

4. Certainly the Bible is not opposed to the use of means for healing since Christ Himself considered it normal for people to go to a doctor. Mat 9:12

5. Causes of Sickness

5.1 Suffering in general is the consequence of the curse that came upon man after the Fall.

5.2 There are many cases where sickness is caused by man's ignorance and also by his own carelessness: as in the spread of venereal disease, or chronic illnesses resulting from alcoholism, AIDS etc. For example: King Uzziah's sin. 2Ch 26:16-19

6. Because sickness was not part of original creation but a later product of disobedience, Jesus healed many sick to document the coming Kingdom and to fulfill prophecy.

6.1 In one sense Christ's healings must be regarded as being in a special category. In them He demonstrated and proved that He was the Son of God.

7. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 5:18-24.

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Joh 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, **making himself equal with God.**

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Joh 5:20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

Joh 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Joh 5:23 **That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.** He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

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Joh 5:18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but **he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.**

Joh 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

Joh 5:21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

Joh 5:22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

**Joh 5:23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.**

Joh 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

1. I think the best way to study these verses is to review the *Doctrine of the Essence of God*.

## **Doctrine of the Essence of God**

1. God is One in Essence, i.e., the divine essences are resident in each Member of the Godhead.

2. There are three Personalities but One in Essence, such Essences are shared equally. Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Col 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

Isa 48:16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Mat 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

Mat 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

2.1 The One Godhead as can be seen from the above cited Scriptures is made up of three personalities or manifestations: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

2.1.1 The personalities of the Trinity are closely related, just as there is one egg, there is also the yoke, the white and the shell. Yet it is one egg.

Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."

Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father. "

Joh 17:11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

Joh 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Joh 7:39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

2.2 So you can see from these verses the intertwining of the several and collective personalities of the Trinity are uniquely Three in One, Separate but One.

3. The essences of God are prevalent in each Member of the Trinity:  
(1) Sovereignty (2) Righteousness (3) Justice (4) Love (5) Eternal Life  
(6) Omniscience (7) Omnipresence (8) Omnipotence (9) Immutability  
(10) Veracity.

1. **Sovereignty** - He has supreme volition and always has possessed the powerful rulership of all things.

1.1 There is no higher power or higher volition.

1.2 All things are subject unto Him.

1.3 Everything falls under the permissive Will of God.

1.4 God desires the best for us but because of our volition and imperfect choices, He provides less than the best but perfect.

1.5 God is sovereign and there will come a time at the Second Advent when the Father will say to the Son: "now is Your time, implement operation footstool." Until then however the Lord laughs from heaven at how serious man considers him and herself.

Psa 2:1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

Psa 2:3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

Psa 2:4 **The One enthroned in heaven laughs;** the Lord scoffs at them.

Psa 100:3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; **we are** his people, **the sheep of his pasture.**

Psa 104:17 There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the pine trees.

Psa 104:18 The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the coney (animals and birds seeking shelter).

Psa 104:19 The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.

Psa 104:20 You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

Psa 104:21 The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

Psa 104:22 The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.

Psa 104:23 Then man goes out to his work, to his labor until evening.

Psa 104:24 How many are your works, o LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Psa 104:25 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.

Psa 104:26 There the ships that go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

Psa 104:27 These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

Psa 104:28 When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

Psa 104:29 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

Psa 104:30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Psa 104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--

Psa 104:32 he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

Psa 104:33 I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Psa 104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

Psa 104:35 But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD, o my soul. Praise the LORD.

Phi 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Phi 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Isa 45:23 By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

Rom 14:11 It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God."

Rev 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

2. **Righteousness** - God is absolute Righteousness.

2.1 His Righteousness is independent and incomparable.

2.2 The Righteousness of God cannot have fellowship with the righteousness of man and since man's righteousness is like "filthy rags," a problem exists, but thankfully, God solved that problem.

2.3 God recognized this problem in eternity past and made provision for the problem through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

2Co 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Rom 3:22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

Isa 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Psa 116:5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Psa 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

3. **Justice** - God is fair; it is impossible for Him to be unfair.

3.1 The holiness of God is made up of His Righteousness plus His Justice.

3.2 What the Righteousness of God demands the Justice of God must execute.

3.3 Because of the efficacious sacrifice of Christ on the cross, God is free to deal with us as family.

3.3.1 This because his Righteousness was satisfied and therefore His Justice must execute what His Righteousness demands.

3.4 God is absolutely Just because there is no iniquity in Him.

3.5 There are two laws of God which come from his Righteousness as relates to the believer's discipline.

3.5.1 The Law of Volitional Responsibility - God permits natural results of sin.

Pro 5:1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight,

Pro 5:2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

Pro 5:3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;

Pro 5:4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.

Pro 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

Pro 5:6 She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not.

Pro 5:7 Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say.

Pro 5:8 Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house,

Pro 5:9 lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel,

Pro 5:10 lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house.

Pro 5:11 At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent.

Pro 5:12 You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction!"

Pro 5:13 I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors.

Pro 5:14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

Pro 5:15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Rom 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Rom 13:2 Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Rom 13:3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear on the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.

Rom 13:4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Rom 13:5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

Rom 13:6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

Rom 13:7 Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Hos 8:7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

3.5.2 The law of Divine Corrective Action - God corrects to improve.

1Pe 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

1Pe 1:7 These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Heb 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

1Co 11:31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

1Co 11:32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Rom 5:3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;  
Rom 5:4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered.

3.6 The Justice of God works with the unbeliever in order to provide maximum environment, pressure and/or reward to facilitate "faith in Christ." The Scriptures make clear mankind is without excuse. It can never then be said that God is not just and righteous.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us, not **willing** that any should perish, but that all should come to **repentance**.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall ultimately pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient ...

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Act 3:14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

Rev 15:3 ... "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages."

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