

The Great Physician

Mark 2:5-12

Mark 2:15-17

- ¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.
- ¹⁶ And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?
- ¹⁷ When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, ***They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick:*** I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

The Disease

- ***The disease (sin) is real.***

- Ps. 130:3 → If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
- Eccl. 7:20 → For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
- Rom. 3:10,23 → 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Rom. 5:12 → “... so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

- ***The disease is universal.***

- Rom. 3:23 → For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

The Disease...

- ***Is not a genetic condition.***

- Ezek. 18:20 → **20 The person who sins is the one who will die.** A son will not suffer for his father's iniquity, and a father will not suffer for his son's iniquity; the righteous person will be judged according to his righteousness, and the wicked person according to his wickedness. (NET)

The Disease...

- *Is not a genetic condition.*

– Ps. 51:1-4,10 → Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot **out my transgressions**. 2 Wash me thoroughly from **mine iniquity**, and cleanse me from **my sin**. 3 For I acknowledge **my transgressions**: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest...10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

The Disease...

- ***Is not a genetic condition.***

- Deut. 1:39 → 39 Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.
- Matt. 19:14 → 14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

The Disease...

- ***It is contagious.***

- I Cor. 15:33 → Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. (cf. 5:6)
- Prov. 1:10 → 10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

- ***It is fatal.***

- James 1:14-15 → 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
- Rom. 6:23 → For the wages of sin is death...

The Disease...

- ***Is not cured by time.***

- Ps. 51:3 → For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin [is] ever before me.
- Ps. 32:3-5 → 3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

- ***Is not cured by the solutions of men.***

- By human schemes. (Rom. 10:1-2)
- By good works. (Titus 3:5)
- By denial. (Jer. 6:14; Mk. 2:15)

The Disease...

- ***Can be misread.***

- Rev. 3:16-17 → 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
- Jn. 8:32-34 → 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

- ***No possibility of a cure till we accept the diagnosis.*** (Lk. 18:13)

The Great Physician – Jesus Christ

- Perfectly qualified. (Heb. 5:8-9)
- Prepared from eternity. (I Pet. 1:18-20)
- He knows us – our case. (Jn. 2:25; Mk. 2:8)
- He understands completely the nature of temptation. (Heb. 4:15)
- He is able to save completely. (Heb. 7:25)
- He has the power to cure the disease. (Mk. 2:10)
- He does not have a limited case load. (Heb. 2:9; Matt. 11:28ff)
- No cases too hard. (I Tim. 1:15-16; I Cor. 6:9-11)
- He has the perfect remedy when it is taken and applied. (Rev. 5:9; II Pet. 1:5-10)

The Remedy

- **The Prescription:**

- Clearly communicated. (I Cor. 2:9-11)
- Understandable. (Eph. 5:17; Eph. 3:3-5)
- The gospel. (I Cor. 1:18; Acts 10:6,33; 11:14; Rom. 1:16-17; I Cor. 15:1-6)

- ***The Physician became the remedy:***

- Took our place on the cross. (II Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:21-26)
- The just for the unjust. (I Pet. 3:18)
- Because of His love for us. (Jn. 3:14-16)

The Remedy

- *Jesus, In His death, shed His blood, providing the remedy.*
 - Isa. 1:5-6; 1:18
 - Matt. 26:28; Acts 22:16
- **Applying the remedy:**
 - Matt. 28:18-20
 - Belief → Jn. 8:24;
 - Confession → Matt. 10:32-33;
 - Repentance → Lk. 13:3;
 - Be Baptized → Mk. 16:15-16