

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Int.

1. Aim: To show that Jesus is the Great Physician who can heal all our souls diseases.
2. Jesus is described in many ways:
 - a. Good Shepherd - Jn. 10:11 - protect
 - b. Teacher - Jn. 3:2 - instruct
 - c. Bread of Life - Jn. 6:48-51 - food for soul
 - d. Mediator - I Tim. 2:5 - Go between God and Man
 - e. Physician - Mt. 9:12, Mk. 2:17, Lk. 5:31
 - i. MATT 9:12. **"But when Jesus heard [that], he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."**
 - ii. LUKE 5:31. **"And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick."**
3. Great Physician - we receive much help from him.
 - a. Physician
 - i. To heal, cure, make whole
 - ii. "A person skilled in the art of healing - a doctor of medicine" Web. p. 638
 - b. Doctor - "To give medical treatment to: to restore to good condition: to repair" Web. p. 246
4. Luke 19:10 **"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."**
5. Notice the Comparison with physicians and Jesus the Great Physician

Discussion**I. REQUIREMENTS for PHYSICIANS**

A. Medical doctors must meet certain medical requirements:

1. Degree - degree in medicine from reputable school of medicine.
2. Knowledgeable - smart - High I.Q.
3. Experience - internship - O.J.T.
4. Ability to diagnose and prescribe the proper treatment
5. Compassionate - "Pity with a desire to aid"
6. Unselfish - willing to go when needed

B. Jesus the Great Physician meets all these requirements or qualifications

1. Accredited Degree - From God

- a. Matt.3:17b "...**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**"
- b. Mt. 17:5b "...**This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**"

2. Knowledgeable -

- a. Mt. 28:18 "...**All power [authority] is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**"
- b. He is all knowing omniscient - the Creator of us.

3. Experienced

- a. Heb. 2:16-18 - like brethren v.18 NKJV "**He himself has suffered**"
- b. Succour = help, come to the aid
- c. Heb. 4:15 "...**was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**"

4. Able to diagnose and prescribe the treatment

- a. Heb. 4:12-13 - penetrate - discern
- b. Mt. 28:19-20 & Mk. 16:15-16
- c. Gospel is Cure = Jesus is Gospel

5. Compassionate

- a. Jn. 11:35 "Jesus Wept" - Pity - with desire to help
- b. Mt. 23:37 - O Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

6. Unselfish

- a. Heb. 5:8-9 - He paid for eternal salvation
- b. Mt. 26:39 "...**not as I will, but as thou wilt...**"

II. JESUS AS AN EARTHLY PHYSICIAN

Mt. 11:5 "**The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.**"

A. Blind

1. Bartemaeus
2. Mk. 10:46-52

B. Lame

1. Mt. 21:14 "**And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.**"
2. They were able to walk away

C. Lepers

1. Lk. 17:12-19 - 10 healed - one thanked
2. Cleansed - made whole

D. Deaf

1. Mark 7:31-37
2. Deaf and an impediment in speech
3. Ears opened and spake plain

- E. Raised the dead
1. Jn. 11
 2. Lazarus
- F. Jn. 20:30-31 -- all these things have ceased today but they had a purpose - to convince us! **"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."**

III. JESUS AS A SPIRITUAL PHYSICIAN

- A. Diagnosis
1. Sin is terrible - makes life miserable - future bleak
 2. Jas. 1:15b **"...and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."**
 3. Rom. 6:23 **"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."**
 4. Sin hurts earthly life - guilt, sickness, suffering, death, grief
 5. Sin threatens us with eternal destruction - Hell is prepared for sinners.
- B. Jesus the Great Physician can cure us- Jn.10:10 **"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly."**
1. He died for his patients - Jn. 1:29 **"...Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."**

2. He became our Saviour, because he knew how to instruct us to be healed of our sins
- Heb. 5:8-9
3. Heb. 9:27-28 "**And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28. So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**"
4. The Doctor died to heal his patients !

C. Prescriptions for various spiritual ailments:

1. Ears

- a. Diagnosis = dull of hearing
 - (1) Mt. 13:15 "...**and their ears are dull of hearing,**"
 - (2) Acts 28:26-28 -- from Isa. 6:9-10
 - (3) Voluntary closing
- b. Prescription = take heed how ye hear
 - (1) Mk. 4:23-24 "**If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. 24. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.**"
 - (2) Jas. 1:19 --- swift to hear
 - (3) Rev. 2:7 "**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;...**"
 - (4) Open ear - receptive to teachings.

2. EYES

a. Diagnosis = blind

(1) Lk. 8:10 **"And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand."**

(2) Mk. 4:12 **"That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and [their] sins should be forgiven them."**

b. Prescription = Open eyes

(1) Isa. 6:9-10 - see with their eyes **"And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."**

(2) Mt. 13:14-16 - blessed are your eyes for they see

(3) Understand, perceive - honest with facts

3. MOUTH

a. Diagnosis = defiled by what comes out

(1) Mt. 15:11 **"Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man."**

(a) They had perverted the law by saying a person was spiritually defiled if he ate with unwashed hands."

(b) Defiled by what comes out of the mouth - words - profanity, gossip

(2) Mt. 12:36-37 **"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."**

b. Prescription = use words with wisdom

(1) Jas. 1:19 - **"...slow to speak..."**

(2) Tit. 2:1 **"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:"**

(3) We will be judged by our character - words are an index to the kind of character we have.

(4) Eph. 4:29-32

(5) James 3

4. HEART

a. Diagnosis = impure

(1) Matt. 15:18-20 **"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20. These are [the things] which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."**

(2) Source of life - The heart is the fountain of all sins

(3) Pro. 23:7 **"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee."**

b. Prescription = purify

(1) Mt. 5:8 - Pure in heart -

(a) The pure in heart - think the right things and love the right things

(b) Pure = clean, sincere

(2) Shall See God - two applications:

(a) Will see God's way and obey it - be born again

(b) Will see God face to face in heaven

5. FEET

a. Diagnosis = need guidance

(1) Jer. 10:23 **"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."**

(2) Man is lost

b. Prescription = get help

(1) Ps. 119:105 - **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."**

(2) Eph. 6:15 **"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."** - Ps. 1:1-2

D. Benefits of following the Great Physician

1. Hear the truth with our ears - then believe
2. See the truth with our eyes - Jn. 8:32 - then repent
3. Love the truth with our heart - then obey the gospel
4. Use our mouth to speak the truth - Mk. 16:15-16
5. Spread the truth with our feet - Rm. 10:15
6. When a person has found a cure for a disease then he tells others about his good news. He wants everyone to know.

Conclusion

1. Jesus the Great physician can revive the spiritually dead
 - a. Eph. 2:1 "**And you hath he quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sin.**"
 - b. Heb. 4:12 His word can x-ray our heart so we can see the sin and evil in our life --
"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
2. We go to the doctor when we are sick:
 - a. We seek his help
 - b. Accept his diagnosis
 - c. Follow the prescription for cure
3. Christ is the Great Physician who can cure us of our sins
 - a. Seek his help - Mt. 5:6
 - b. Accept his diagnosis - Faith
 - c. Follow his prescription - obey
4. III Jn. 2 - as our soul prospereth "**Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**"