

cried out to Peter and the others asking what they needed to do to be saved. Peter replied, **“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”** (Acts 2:38). In vs. 40-47, we find that those who heard those words and believed them, repented from their

sinful lives and were baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins. As a result, they were added to the Church and, as many as were added to the Church, were saved. They received the gift of the Holy Spirit which, as Romans 6:23b puts it, **“The gift of God is everlasting life.”** Jesus is the cure to the worst sickness man has ever known.

God loves you. He proved it by sending His only begotten Son to this earth in order to show us how we can live (John 3:16). He doesn't want you to suffer through sin any more. This world is filled with so many physical diseases and sicknesses. Why not take advantage of this miracle cure by obeying the Gospel—the Message of the resurrected Savior, God's power to save you from the sickness of sin (Romans 1:16)? Why not do that right now?



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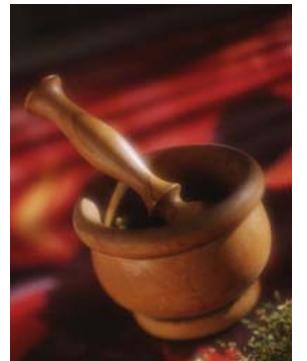
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“Is there no balm
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Jeremiah 8:22

The Sickness, the Physician and the Cure by Curtis Carwile

Ever since man was removed from the Garden of Eden, man has suffered through sicknesses. Today, so many people in the world (and in our congregation) are sick with some illness or another. Many of us will try to diagnose and treat ourselves, but if the illness persists, we all end up going to the doctor. We go to the doctor because the doctor is someone who is trained in healing the sick, providing the cure the desperately ill require.



The Sickness

Something else man has suffered through ever since the Garden is the sickness of sin. Sin is the worst sickness of all time for two reasons:

1. Sin affects everyone. Paul wrote, **“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”** (Romans 3:23). All who attain an accountable age will sin at some point. Even those who do not attain accountability will be affected by the consequences of other people’s sins.



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2. Sin totally affects the one it infects. This is true in several ways.

Sin affects us physically. This is easily seen in those struggling with some substance abuse problem. No one questions how drunkenness affects the one who has become intoxicated or those around that person. This is easily seen. Many sins affect the sinner in some physical way or another, be it through their health or monetary means.

Sin also affects us emotionally. If you don’t believe this, look at the emotional toll a divorce (whether for Scriptural reasons or not) has on a family and those around them. Sin hurts people. Sure, it may “feel good” for a moment, but in the end, it leaves a path of pain in its wake. The Hebrew writer spoke of the **“passing pleasures of sin”** (Hebrews 11:25). Finally, the most devastating thing it does is...

Sin spiritually kills the sinner. When Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in Genesis 3, they were warned that it would kill them and it did. From that point forward, man has no longer had access to the Tree of Life. But, even more than that, man no longer was able to have a close fellowship with God, the Life-Giver. Isaiah explained to the people of Judah that their sins separated them from God, writing, **“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear”** (Isaiah 59:2). All sin separates the sinner from God. As a result of that separation, the sinner dies. Paul wrote, **“For the wages of sin is death”** (Romans 6:23). Sin is the worst

sickness man has ever faced because man can’t cure it himself.

The Physician

Luckily, there is someone who knows all about healing the sick and can provide the cure the sin-sick so desperately need. In Matthew 9:9-13, Jesus is indirectly confronted by some Pharisees as to why HE, the “Great Teacher,” would eat with sinners. Jesus responded to them by saying, **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick”** (Matthew 9:12). Jesus identifies Himself as the physician that the sin-sick need. And, what better physician is there?

Jesus is very familiar with sin. From the beginning of time, He has seen man sin time and time again, falling for Satan’s same old tired tricks. From the beginning, He has seen the affect sin has had on sinners and those around their sins. And, above all else, He knows the pain it causes God the Father to see His beloved children separated from Him. Jesus knows all about sin and, if that were all, it would still make Him the most qualified physician to consult regarding this sickness.

The Cure

Luckier still, Jesus knows about more than just the sickness, He knows the cure. And, oddly enough, the Great Physician IS the cure! Jesus is the cure for the sickness of sin in two different ways:

1. He is the only way to remove the sins in our lives. Sin is not a sickness we can “self-medicate” because sin is something which is an offense against God. That means only He can heal it through forgiveness.

2. He teaches us how to live in a way so as to avoid contracting the sickness of sin ever again. In Hebrews 10:11-16, the Hebrew writer explains to us that Jesus gave Himself as a sacrifice on the cross so that all sins should be put into remission. On the day of Pentecost, when the people heard the first Gospel sermon and were cut to their hearts, they