

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The Pool

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John 5:1-18

THE POOL

If it doesn't matter if the Bible is *really* true, the Jesus is just supposed to be our _____, but in that case it's _____ that saves you.

But the Christian message is that you are not saved by _____ life, by *you* fulfilling all the rules and laws...but by _____ life, by *his* perfect fulfillment of God's righteous requirements. (*Romans 4:5*)

THE MAN

1. This guy does not come to _____; Jesus _____ to him.
(*Romans 3:11, John 6:44, Acts 16:14, 1 John 4:10, Isaiah 65:24*)
2. We usually begin by trying to get Jesus to help us find our _____, rather than trying to find our salvation in _____. (*Psalms 43:4*)
3. The Bible is filled with stories of people who don't deserve the grace of God, don't seek it, and don't appreciate it when they get it. Because salvation is by _____. That's the message! That's the point.

THE SABBATH

Jesus, as Lord of the Sabbath, brings _____; and it's real rest, the rest of the _____.

We need to rest from the _____ under the work. (*Heb. 4:9-10*)

What you really need is _____ of the soul. It's knowing you are justified by faith in Christ, knowing you are accepted in him.

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Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. [⁴ ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

⁷ "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

¹¹ But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

¹² So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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