

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Do You Want To Get Well?
John 5:1-17
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THE SETTING

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

John 5:1-5 ESV

The paralytic man is a picture of Israel under the Law who cannot heal himself.

The Law can show people their sin but could never mend it.
The Law can uncover people's weakness but never cure it.

THE QUESTION

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" 7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me."

John 5:6-7 ESV

Do you want Jesus to make you well?
Do you want Jesus to cleanse you from your sin?

LAW OR GRACE

Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. *Now that day was the Sabbath.* John 5:8-9 ESV

The religious leaders see the man. Will they show him mercy and celebrate this miraculous healing or will they show him the Law and condemn him for carrying his bed on the Sabbath?

Do you think of yourself under Law or Grace?

Jesus lived the perfect life I haven't lived.

Jesus died the death that was mine to die.

Now risen Jesus extends His hand to raise me up out of the grave to be with me forever.

Let Jesus meet you at your lowest point with Grace and not with Law.

HEALING ON THE SABBATH

21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:14-24 ESV

Salvation is through Jesus who is the Christ.

Jesus wants to heal your life now and not just in the future.

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