

“WORD OF LIFE”

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46. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (26) – In the Parables of the New Testament

P - 3. A Physician for the Ill

Hymns: # 8239 / # 116 / # 8015

✚ “So that what was spoken through the prophet [Psa. 78:2] might be fulfilled, saying, ‘I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world’.” (Matt 13:35)

[Parable – Rejoicing with the sinners]

- Mat 9:9 - And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man sitting at the tax office, called Matthew, and He said to him, Follow Me. And he rose and followed Him.
- Mat 9:10 - And as He was reclining at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and reclined together with Jesus and His disciples.
- Mat 9:11 - And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, Why does your Teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners?
- Mat 9:12 - Now when He heard this, He said, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill.
- Mat 9:13 - But go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice,” for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

✚ “...Why do You speak in parables to them? (Mat 13:10)
“...And His disciples came to Him, saying, Make the parable ... clear to us. (Matt. 13:36)

❖ Christ ministered as a physician to the ill (Matt. 9:12).

- The Lord Jesus was enjoying a feast with tax collectors and sinners.
 - the Pharisees criticized and condemned Him, why He ate with such people (Matt. 9:10-11).
- The Lord took this opportunity to give a very pleasant revelation of Himself as the Physician.
 - The Lord revealed that the tax collectors and sinners were “patients,” sick ones,
 - and that to them He was not a judge but a physician, a healer.
- In calling people to follow Him the Lord ministered as a physician, not as a judge.
 - The judgment of a judge is according to righteousness,
 - whereas the healing of a physician is according to mercy and grace.
 - We are those whom the Lord made people of His heavenly kingdom
 - we were lepers (Matt. 8:2-4),
 - we were paralytics (8:5-13; 9:2-8),
 - we were the fever-ridden (8:14-15),
 - we were the demon-possessed (8:16, 28-32),
 - we were those sick of all kinds of illnesses (8:16),
 - we were the despised tax collectors, and sinners (9:9-11).
 - The Lord Jesus visited us not as a judge,
 - He came to minister as a physician, to heal, recover, enliven, and save us
 - so that we might be reconstituted to be citizens of the kingdom of the heavens.

✚ “And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak,” (2Cor. 4:13)

- ✚ The Lord Jesus came as a physician. As the Lord was feasting with those who were spiritually sick, He revealed Himself as the Physician and healed them. As the Physician He can heal only those who are sick. He came to call the sinners, the sick ones, not the righteous (Matt. 9:13).
- ✓ If we take the standing that we are sinners, we shall experience Him as our Physician.
 - ✓ If we see that Christ is our Physician, we shall have faith in Him as the One who can heal us.

✚ As our **Physician Christ** has healing **authority**. His **healing** is not simply a matter of power but also of **authority**. There is no need for Him to touch us directly in order to heal us. He needs only to **speak a word**, and His authority comes with His word to heal us (Matt. 8:8). Our **Physician** heals us with His **authority**.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 8239 Assurance and Joy of Salvation - Cleansed by the Blood</p> <p>1 God laid my sins on Jesus, His spotless, holy Lamb; Instead of me, God cursed Him; Now fully released I am. Upon His faultless Lamb, my Transgressions God did lay, Made Him in my place suffer, My debt of sins repay.</p> <p>2 My sickness laid on Jesus, The lash for me endured; My weaknesses He carried, That I be fully cured. I lay my griefs on Jesus; He bears them all for me; My sorrows, pains, abolished; What joy and peace I see!</p> <p>3 I now have rest in Jesus, My King of Righteousness; His death God satisfied, and His blood my conscience cleansed. Now all my trust’s in Jesus, My strength for ev’ry hour; His living shows God’s riches; His risen life empow’rs.</p> <p>4 I hand my heart to Jesus, That in it He would reign, To be my Lord and life, and Make home in me for aye. I long to be like Jesus, His image live each day, In attitude and actions Him evermore display!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 116 Praise of the Lord – His Redemption</p> <p>1 How wonderful redemption is, My gracious Lord, in Thee! Not seen, nor heard, nor e’er conceived What Thou hast done for me! Thou art divine, mysterious, Beyond my grandest phrase! Redemption is so marvellous, Beyond all pow’r to praise!</p> <p>2 For us Thou on the Cross wast pierced, And blood and water streamed; That life divine be giv’n to us, That we may be redeemed. Thy precious blood has made us clean, That we accepted be; Regenerated by Thy life, We now are one with Thee.</p> <p>3 Thou art the grain divine that died The many grains to bear, Which, blent and formed, Thy Body are. And all Thy nature share. We are the increase of Thyself, And Thou our content art; Through us Thou livest and dost move And manifested art.</p> <p>4 Since we’re Thy Body, Thou may come And settle down in us; In us Thou may obtain Thy home And we become Thy trust. Thy heart to satisfy and please, We are Thy counterpart, Now in one Body with Thyself, Enjoying all Thou art.</p> <p>5 While in remembrance now we meet And here the symbols see, For Thy redemption great and full We’re filled with praise to Thee. Since we are made Thy Body, Lord, Thy dwelling place and bride, We would give thanks and worship Thee And in Thy praise abide.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 8015 Worship of the Father – His Righteousness</p> <p>1 Forgiveness when no blood was shed— What then of righteousness? Reproof when blood’s already pled, Unjustly would oppress.</p> <p>2 O God, no more can You condemn; Christ’s offering has appeased; I’m fully free, as far from sin As west is far from east.</p> <p>3 All the demands of righteousness My Lord has fully paid; Now You must fully pardon us; More judgment can’t be made.</p> <p>4 At first, in love He came, redeemed, Your righteousness t’appease; Then righteousness, appeased, required Sin’s prisoners’ release.</p> <p>5 Astounding! At the cross we find Both love and righteousness! Love, righteousness, thus intertwined, We’ll ever sing and bless.</p> |
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