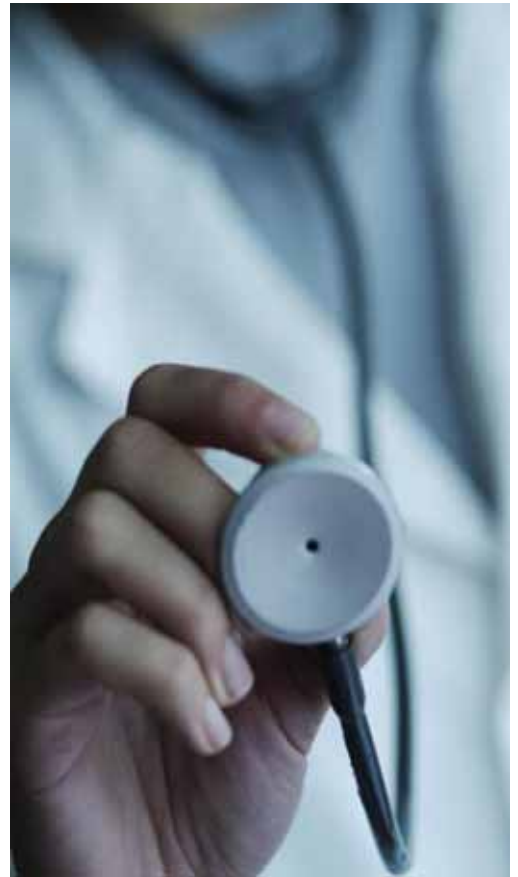


"But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, 'They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'" Matthew 9:12-13 KJV

A sick person may not know they're sick. After being diagnosed with diabetes, I could retrospectively understand things that had made little impact on me earlier. Things like being often thirsty, tired, sometimes dizzy, started to make more sense once I knew the facts. The Truth about my condition set me free from error and helped me live and feel better. The Truth of God's Word will alert men to their condition. If it is obeyed, it will free the faithful from sinful error and allow them to live in the liberty of the Holy Spirit. *"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."* Commands given by God are His blessing for man's benefit to lead him to the provision that awaits. Just like a loving parent that cuts short a child's play when it becomes a danger to him. We were often told to get out of the water because our lips were turning blue and we were unaware of the danger of hypothermia. We have to forsake sin to avoid the *"Second Death."* The sin-sick souls of men can only be healed by the touch of the Master. The proclaimed Gospel of Truth is part of that touch. *"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."* Faith applies the eye-salve that heals the blind. *"Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God. For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of G God."* Men's dead spirits cannot hear the Living Spirit of God, but their eternal souls can hear the words of other men as they proclaim Truth. *"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."* When the proclaimed Word is understood by the hearer via imparted faith, and obeyed, their spirit is quickened by God, the Holy Spirit, and they are "born again." *"God...commandeth all men every where to repent."* If not, they are still, *"dead in trespasses and in sin."* Once reborn, one may once again commune with their Creator as in the Garden. At first, like a baby, they may not sense dangerous words and actions, but as they mature, they quickly learn to discern Truth from lie. Only the sick need the physician. As long as we carry the sinful flesh around with us we will need the Great Physician to heal our infirmities. We need only ask to receive and obey to be healed. Listen to God's man as the Living Water mixed with his *"earthly clay"* is applied to our eyes of faith. Like the blind man, we will not see until we obey. We must wash at the *"pool of Siloam,"* obey God's Word, or blindness will remain.



The whole do not physician need,
The sick alone doth need his deeds,
The sinner, God alone can heal,
If they before Him come and kneel. -CGP

We must verbally convey God's Word and Truth to the souls of men that faith may be introduced thereby, and if obeyed, salvation. God knows the hearts of the penitent obedient and will save every one that obeys Him.

"But whoso looketh into the perfect Law of Liberty (God's Word), and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James 1:25 KJV