"When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: <u>I came not</u> to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Mark 2:17No2 KJV

Are you doing OK? Consider yourself better than most? Then Jesus didn't come for you. He came for those who find themselves in a daily battle against sin in their life. He came for the broken-hearted; the weak-willed; the addicted; the sorrowful; the skid-row bum; the drug dealer; the thief; the murderer; the sinner. If you get up every day knowing that, without Him in your life, you will sin and slide into the mire of evil, that you are a sinner, you need Jesus. How is Christ in my life and by my side to keep me from sin? Through God's Word. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. In Him was Life. Thy Word is Truth." Jesus is the Word. We do not often think of our words as an entity, but our words are who we are. If lies, then we're a liar! God's Word is God. If I have God's Word in my thoughts through reading and meditation



and I "pray without ceasing," He is with me and will determine what I do, because thoughts are what you do. Don't bewail your inability to do right if you never read, study, and meditate in God's Word. That's like complaining you're poor with a bag of diamonds in your mattress! Jesus knows the frailty of humanity; the flesh that plagues the soul of every man who longs to do right. He became flesh for over 30 years, beginning as an infant. You see, Jesus can sympathize, because "He was in all points tempted (tried) like as we, YET WITHOUT SIN!" Why? Because His mind was and is God's Word! "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." I can have compassion for the man with a cast, but until I've broken a bone, I can only empathize. Jesus suffered more physical and mental agony than any other human "yet without sin." He knows pain and He came to give the comfort and liberty of Truth only found by those who apply themselves to believe and obey God's Word! Sadly, we will not seek God's Word or prayer until we have nowhere else to go! Do you have a problem? The RIGHT answer is in God's Word, Get ahead of the crowd: FIND IT! God's Word can heal whatever your malady is if you trust and obey it. "But that ye may know that the Son of man (the Word) hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God." Do men marvel at your recovery? Do you marvel? It is not so much the healing, but the Healer who gladdens our hearts. Jesus could have hobnobbed with the elite of the city, but men complained, because He kept company with "publicans and sinners." Aren't you glad He does? What Jesus heals, is completely whole!

> He came not to treat the whole, But to heal the sin-sick soul, If your soul doth suffer pain, You are why the Saviour came. ~CGP

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always," even in death. "Yea, though I walk through the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." If death holds no terror, who should I fear? The Master of Life and death!

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring EVERY work (deed) into judgment, with every secret thing, (thoughts) whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 KJV