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Sunday Bible Study
9:45 AM

Sunday Worship
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

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8:45-9:00 AM
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Do You Need Healing?

By Jeremy D. Joy

The man had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. He laid by the Pool of Bethesda with a number of other disabled people hoping by some chance to be healed. One day, when Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, He learned of the man's unfortunate condition and asked him what must have seemed like an unusual question:

It would be worse to suffer eternal torment than a lifetime of physical suffering.

How many people are crippled by sin and close to healing waters, but unwilling to stop loving sin and the world (1 John 2:15)? There are some who have easy access to salvation in Jesus and even witness others healed of their sin-sickness

“Do you want to be made well?” (John 5:6). Who would not want to be cured? Jesus simply instructed him to pick up his mat and walk. And he



I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways.
— Psalm 119:18

in baptism (Acts 22:16), but refuse to repent because of stubbornness and hard-heartedness.

On the other hand, some Christians are like the Jews who reacted to the man's miraculous healing with hypocrisy and self-righteousness instead of rejoicing in his good fortune (John 5:10). They are more concerned about enforcing the rules of the country club rather than helping people find Jesus. Regardless, all men, religious or non-religious, need spiritual healing.

It is not enough to be close to salvation and transformation; we must yield entirely to Jesus. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ

Will The Dead Be Left Behind?

By Jeremy D. Joy

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will be no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And this we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Apparently, some Christians in the church at Thessalonica were concerned about brethren who had died before the Second Coming of Jesus. Paul reassured them that no one would be left behind at His coming, not even "the dead in Christ" (v. 16). As a matter of fact, they will rise "first" (v. 16)

and Christians who are still living will be "caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (v. 17).

There are many interpretations of the Second Coming including the belief that the church will be raptured, the wrath of God will be poured out upon the unrighteous, and Christ will establish His rule on the earth. It is true that we will be "caught up" in the sky, but it will be followed by the ushering in of eternity in Heaven for the faithful, not the beginning of the kingdom.

Nevertheless, we can be comforted in knowing that we will be with Jesus forever, just as He promised (John 14:1-3). The proper response for all men is that we should prepare for the Day of the Lord and make sure that we are not left behind with the unrighteous who will suffer eternal

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Pine Street News And Notes

"Let brotherly love continue" — Hebrews 13:1

Members of our church family who are sick and in need of our prayers:

Others who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Bill Price** who is a brother-in-law to **Wanda Rockwell** and a great-uncle to **Jeremy** continue to struggle with serious health problems...**Crystal Shockley's** grandmother is improving.

We welcome **Lee and Linda Ferrell** back as they will be worshipping with us throughout the summer.

Check the bulletin board for Gospel Meetings throughout the Ohio Valley.

The next Training Class will be Sunday evening, June 15. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Is there a brother or sister who needs encouragement — perhaps someone who is sick or someone who has been absent from the assembly? Let them know that you care and are praying for them.

The Scripture reading today is: Psalm 119:81-88.

The sermon today is: "Following Jesus In A Whatever World" (AM) and "How A Good Man Was Saved" (PM).