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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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The Gospel Cure

Have you ever developed a nagging cough which wouldn't go away? You start by trying to ignore it. After all, maybe it will go away on its own. Then you decide to get out the Robitussin or some other cough medicine. Finally, if that doesn't do it, you usually have to go to the doctor. Often times though, your cough isn't really the problem. It's just a symptom of a larger problem. You might have bronchitis or Pneumonia. The doctor gives you the correct medicine and then you get better.

When Jesus was in Capernaum, a large crowd came to the home where He was staying (Mk. 2:1-2). As He was teaching, some men made an opening in the roof and lowered a paralyzed man on a pallet. Jesus' initial response was not healing the man but by saying, *"My son, your sins are forgiven"* (v.5). The deepest

need of the man was not physical but spiritual.

Only then, to show His authority to forgive, did Jesus heal the man and send him on his way. Not only did the man pick up the pallet and walk away but he left with forgiveness from the Son of God (v.12)!

This world is full of pain and problems. That's not going to change, no matter how much time and resources are spent. The answer to man's greatest need is not a physical treatment or cure. It is an issue that can't be seen with our eyes. Man needs forgiveness and a relationship with the God. That can only be had through Jesus Christ (John 14:6). The gospel holds the cure for our deepest need (Rom. 1:16).

— Shane Williams

More than Knowledge

Seatbelts save lives. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, front seat occupants who use their seatbelts reduce their risk of death by 45 percent. Yet only 10 to 15 percent of people buckled up before laws were passed in the 1980s requiring them to do so. Seatbelt use in the US rose to 68 percent in 1996. It was up to 82% in 2008, yet still plenty of people ignore the rules.

These facts call attention to the role of man's will in education. We must believe that what we have been told is so important that we act upon it.

Isaiah 30 illustrates the danger of a stubborn will. God had repeatedly assured the people of Judah that only IF they would rely on Him, would He be their safety in times of trouble. However they wouldn't listen.

Isaiah 30:1, *"Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD, "Who execute a plan, but not Mine..."*

Isaiah 30:9-10, *"For this is a rebellious people, false sons, Sons who refuse to listen To the instruction of the LORD; Who say to the seers, "You*

must not see visions"; And to the prophets, "You must not prophesy to us what is right, Speak to us pleasant words, Prophecy illusions."

Even though God had given them many reasons to put their confidence in Him, the people refused to obey. Therefore, many of them died without receiving His help.

Put your confidence, faith and obedience in God.

Isaiah 30:15, *"For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, In repentance and rest you shall be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength." But you were not willing."*

Isaiah 30:18, *"Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him."*

Have you considered this matter of your willingness to believe God? It's not a matter of learning more; you already know He is trustworthy. Put your confidence, faith and obedience in God. You'll make the best use of the knowledge you have, and you'll experience the safety you need.

— Shane Williams

When Nobody Notices

Perhaps you've seen the sign that reads, *"Housework is something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it."*

The truth behind that statement applies to more than just housework. People seem to have no trouble noticing our failures—anger, impatience, criticism, or imperfections. Who notices when we "sometimes" get it right? Sometimes we feel that nobody sees or appreciates. This may be true, except for one reassuring reality: God sees and He appreciates!

There are many great and beautiful things in this world that may go unnoticed: A beautiful sunrise that we are not awake to see, the many beauties that lie underwater, etc. These magnificent things are there and those immense things happen, whether we see them or not. God sees.

That reality can also be a source of security or comfort for us. According to the apostle Paul, we are ultimately serving Jesus Christ.

Col. 3:17, *"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord*

Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father"

Col. 3:23-24, *"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."*

We are to serve Him with an attitude of thanksgiving (v.17) and from the heart (v.23). The Lord not

only sees and values what we do, but He also will reward us (v.24).

Gal. 6:9, *"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary."*

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Live Faithful (Heb. 10:35-39)

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