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Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."



Is The Church a Hospital?

Luke 5:31

Sin is a Disease

- ❖ Sin is often discussed in terms of sickness (*Isa. 53:5; 1 Pet. 2:24*)
- ❖ Sin can be present without being recognized (*Rev. 3:17*)
- ❖ The sooner it is caught and addressed, the better the chances of recovery (*Jas. 1:14-15*)
- ❖ It is corrosive and far reaching in its effects (*1 Cor. 5:6,8*)
- ❖ It is contagious (*Romans 1:32*)
- ❖ A physician is needed (*Eph. 2:8*)

Eph. 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

of sincerity and truth.

Some Distinction

- ◆ Sin is a disease people love to participate in (*Jer. 5:31*)
- ◆ The side effects of sin are not always unpleasant (*Jer. 12:1*)
- ◆ Sin is always our choice (*Gen. 4:6-7*)
- ◆ The cure is always requires effort (*Phil. 2:12*)
- ◆ The cure is guaranteed (*Isa. 1:18*)

Isa. 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

In a Hospital:

- People come to be made well (*Lk. 5:31-32*).
- Painful surgeries are performed (*Rom. 2:29*).
- Difficult lifestyle changes are prescribed (*Matt. 19:22*).
- Those who refuse medical care are discharged (*1 Cor. 5:5-6*).

In Hospice:

- Hope of recovery is generally gone.
- Comfort is the goal, not cure (*2 Tim. 4:3*).
- Making a phone call to a hospice, is a "sad" thing.

Isa. 30:10

Who say to the seers, "Do not see,"

And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits."

The Cure:

- Jesus (*Jn. 1:29; Gal. 1:3-4*).
- His Blood (*Rev. 1:5; 1 Jn. 1:7*).
- Obedience (*Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9*).
- Abiding in Doctrine (*2 Jn. 9*).
- Doer of the Word (*Jas. 1:21-22*)
- Heeding (*1 Tim. 4:16*)

1 Tim. 4:16

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine.

Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

