One day, as Jesus was teaching in a certain house, a large crowd gathered there. Suddenly, some people brought a man who was completely paralyzed and could do nothing for himself. They laid him before Jesus, hoping that He would heal him. However, Jesus' response was different from their expectations. He did not lay hands on the man and tell him to rise and walk. Instead, He said to him,

> *"Friend, your sins are forgiven."*
> (Luke 5:17-20)

> *Luke 5:17-20 (NKJV)*
> *[17] Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.*
> *[18] Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed; whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.*
> *[19] And when they could not find how they might bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst*

> *before Jesus.*
> *[20] When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”*

The human eye may see healing as a physical miracle, something external, something that can be visibly observed. But in God’s eyes, true healing begins with the forgiveness of sins. Once sins are forgiven, everything else follows.

### How Are Our Sins Forgiven?

The forgiveness of sins comes when we believe in Jesus Christ and truly repent. It is in this moment that we receive the forgiveness of our sins and, consequently, the healing of all other areas of our lives.

> *Colossians 1:13-14 (NKJV)*
> *[13] He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,*
> *[14] in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

> *Acts 26:18 (NKJV)*
> *[18] “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”*

It is astonishing to see how people come to Jesus with their ailments some with physical paralysis, others with the paralysis of their careers, families, or personal lives hoping for healing in the ways they expect. Yet, when they encounter the Gospel of salvation and the message of repentance, they often shy away and run towards prayer and anointing oil, hoping for a quick fix.

Understand This: The Root of Every Problem Is Sin

Every issue we face whether physical, emotional, financial, or relational has its root in sin. When your life is laid bare before the Lord, and His light shines on it, true healing is found.

Do not run from this truth. Do not seek shortcuts or temporary solutions. First, receive forgiveness for your sins, and everything else will follow. Accept salvation, embrace life, and receive

healing. What good is it if you gain the whole world, your health, your peace, and yet in the end, face eternal destruction in hell?

> *Mark 8:36-37 (NKJV)*
> *[36] For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?*
> *[37] Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

The Call to Salvation

If you have not yet accepted Christ into your life that is, if you have not received the forgiveness of your sins then the time is now. Reach out to us at the contact number provided for guidance on how to receive Jesus as your Savior.

May the Lord bless you.

Shalom.

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