### I. GOD LOVES YOU and desires that you:

**1. Have eternal life with Him.**

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**2. Have an abundant and meaningful life.**

“Jesus said, ‘… I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.’” John 10:10

But most people aren’t experiencing a meaningful life and aren’t sure that they have eternal life because…

### II. Man has a SIN problem that SEPARATES him from GOD.

**1. Everyone has sinned. “**… For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God….” Romans 3:23

**2. The penalty for sin is DEATH. “**For the wages of sin is death….” Romans 6:23 (also ESV, NIV)

The Bible talks about two kinds of death. The first death is **physical**. The second death is **spiritual** or eternal separation from God.

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and **all liars**, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **Second Death**.” Revelation 21:8

**Since sin separates man from God, what is the solution to his problem?**

### III. JESUS CHRIST is God’s ONLY way to heaven.

**1. He is the ONLY way. “**Jesus said… ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.’” John 14:6

**2. He COMPLETELY PAID the penalty of your sins.**

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all your sins.” Colossians 2:13For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God….” 1 Peter 3:18

**IV. The RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST assures us of Eternal Life.**

**1.Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He was raised on the third day**

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” I Corinthians 15:3-4,

**2. His resurrection proves that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, the only Savior.**

“… Concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord….” Romans 1:3-4

**3. Jesus promises Eternal Life.**

“Jesus said … ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die….’” John 11:25-26

**However, merely knowing what Jesus Christ has done for us is not enough.**

### IV. We must place our FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST to save us.

**1. You are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.**

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

To be saved by faith means to **TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE** to save you. Good works are not the means to salvation; rather, they are the byproducts or evidence of your salvation.

**2. Prove the sincerity of your faith by turning away from a life of sin.**

“I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. A person who genuinely asks for forgiveness will seek to change his ways.” Acts 26:20 (NIV)

God knows we are not perfect, but the sincerity of our faith will move us to live lives that show our gratitude to God for His free gift of heaven.

**You can pray this simple prayer to express your faith in Jesus Christ and to receive Him into your heart as your Lord and Savior. You only have to pray this prayer once, but with sincerity, because when He enters your life, he will never leave you.**

**PRAYER:** ***Lord, Jesus Christ… I admit I am sinner, I confess and I repent of all my sins. I believe by faith that You, Jesus, died for my sins, You were buried and You rose again from the dead. I claim Your promise of forgiveness and accept Your gift of eternal life. I thank You for dying on the cross for my sins, I thank You for forgiving my sins and I thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.***



The apostle John is trying to tell us that Jesus is more than just a man or a prophet. He’s the Son of God Himself. He is God come in the flesh, and He has the authority to forgive sins. If we will believe and trust in Him, He will transform us. He will give us new life, eternal life that begins now and goes into eternity. Jesus has that authority.

The Gospel of John has seven miraculous signs all throughout the Bible and seven "I am" statements. The first sign was the changing of water into wine; this tells us that the ministry of Jesus would be one of transformation. The second sign was the healing of the nobleman’s son, and the third was the healing of the sick man at Bethesda. God has given us all these signs to point to the deity of Jesus Christ, that He is truly God come in the flesh.

**Man's Problem.** In John 5: 1-6, Jesus knew how long the sick man had been suffering, waiting, and hoping, while putting his faith in something that truly could not heal him. Jesus said to him, "Do you wish to get well" (John 5:7)? The man’s mind was so wrapped up in the pool, thinking this was the only way he could be healed. We have to get our eyes off our own ways and get them on God’s ways. We need to be able to surrender our faith in false things and put in something that is true. That is what Jesus wanted to do in this man's life. And that is what Jesus wanted to do in ours, too.

A lot of times we want to come to God but we come up with all excuses. What are some of our excuses for not coming to the Lord and not moving on? Temporary pleasures of sin; addiction to things like relationships or alcohol/drugs. Pride also holds us back. Remember the Pharaoh and the 10 plagues of Egypt? Pharaoh was so arrogant that he would not listen to Moses but was willing to suffer another day of frogs jumping everywhere (Exodus 8:9-10). Jesus wants to transform us from the inside out. But, we need to come to the Lord on his terms not our terms.

Note the difference between REFORMATION and TRANSFORMATION. Reformation means to try to change or improve your behavior for the better from the outside in, through your own effort. Transformation is becoming new from the inside out. Why don't people transform?

Nicodemus followed the law, read the Bible, and did all things, but he couldn’t get to heaven unless he was transformed from the inside out. Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say unto you, unless you’re born again you won’t see the kingdom of God” (John 3:1-3).

We’re all sinners and we need to be saved by his grace. Read about God’s way in Hebrews 10:10-12. Jesus did it once and for all, He paid in full a price that we can never pay.

What was God’s solution for the man in the pool?

**GOD’s Solution.** In John 5:8-9, The man truly believed that Jesus had authority in what He was saying. When Jesus comes and He commands something, He also gives the power to do it. The Savior was speaking faith and life into that man. The moment you transfer your faith to the Son of God, He will save you and transform you; your heart will change. Then, you will experience true salvation and transformation. Then He will begin the process of sanctification.

Sanctification is when He begins to work in you day-by-day, making you more and more into His image, which is the work of the Holy Spirit. Now when you are transformed, you’re going to have critics.

**Man's Critics.** The self-righteous Pharisees think they’re holier than all the others because they keep manmade rules. We have to be careful of legalism, which is the idea that we can earn or keep God’s favor by our own efforts (John 5:9-15). There’s something more important than being healed physically. We have **a deeper need.** Jesus wanted to make sure that this man continues to walk with Him spiritually, to experience a transformed life.

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John 5:34

Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

What are the steps to a transformed life? **Recognize your problem** and acknowledge your sin, your issue in life. Tell the Lord. **Repent of sin** to change your mind, to agree with God. What is sin is sin. Admit to the Lord that it is wrong. Then, turn 180 degrees and start to follow Jesus. **Receive God’s gift** (John1:12). Jesus has that power and authority. **Release the burden of sin to God, and renew your mind with God’s Word.** Sometimes the devil brings back the feeling of condemnation. Read God’s Word and let it just permeate your mind. He’ll reprogram it for you. Remember the impossible is possible with God. He can do amazing things.

**THE HEALER WHO IS GOD.** Why does John 5 begin with a healing of the sick and then go on with Jesus talking about why He is God? Jesus is making a direct comparison to the Jews in John 5:17-18 and 31-44; a comparison between the sick, who have physical problems and the Jews, who have a heart, that is, spiritual problem. The **disease** Jesus asks about is a lack of knowledge, of Word of God and of the God of the Word.

The Jews had memorized the first 5 books of the Bible, the Pentateuch. But they could not understand the culmination of God’s message to men, which is the Messiah, who was right in front of them. We search the Scriptures because we think that in them we have eternal life. But, reading the Bible should draw us nearer to Jesus Christ, the Author of the Book. The **other disease** of the Jews was pride; they sought man's approval instead of God's (John 5:44).

The testimony of John the Baptist, the miracles and prophesies of Scripture, and lives transformed can only point to one fact: that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus, in John 5, wants to prove that He is the Son of God. He wanted to prove this in front of the Jews after healing the sick man. Why is it so difficult for us to accept Jesus as God?

The first witness for the deity of Jesus Christ is John the Baptist (John 1:33-34). The Jews considered him a prophet; what he said carried much weight. And yet, they didn’t believe Jesus (John 5:36-40).

Do we believe the miracles of Jesus Christ recorded in the Gospels? Do we put Him up to His rightful place as the Son of God? Even Nicodemus recognized that Jesus came from God (John 5:39). Almost 50 prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah came to be fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ. Only God could have orchestrated events so that all prophecies about the Messiah would come true in the life of Jesus Christ. It cannot be coincidence.

The fourth testimony that Jesus is Lord is in our transformed lives because we do not seek the glory of one another but we seek the glory of God. Many of us are still struggling with our habits, with our disappointments, with our failures. God continues to work in us. Our response to Jesus is in John 5:24. The problem of the Jews was that they heard and read but, because of their hardened, blind, and crippled hearts, they could not believe. Jesus encourages us to hear, see, touch, observe, and believe that Jesus is the Son of God. The promise is eternal life. We will no longer be judged and will pass from death into life.

## John 5

5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” 7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” 8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” 11 But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22 The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

25 “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

30 “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not deemed true. 32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” ([ESV](http://www.esv.org))

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