



CHURCH

What Kind of Hospital?

Jesus Came to...

- ▣ Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the **poor**. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the **prisoners** and recovery of sight for the **blind**, to release the **oppressed**,
- ▣ 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Truth is Painful

- ▣ “Truth, eludes us if we do not concentrate our attention totally on its pursuit. But even while it eludes us, the illusion of knowing it still lingers and leads to many misunderstandings. Also, truth seldom is pleasant; it is almost invariably bitter.”
- ▣ June 8, 1978, the renowned Soviet dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn gave a stunning address at Harvard University

Give Me the Truth

- ▣ “If you are my friend, if you are concerned about my soul, give me the truth. Do not flatter me. Do not praise my virtues while remaining silent about my vices. Do not fear that the truth will offend me. Do not treasure our friendship, our friendly relations, above my salvation. Do not think that by ignoring my sins you can help. Do not think that being blind to my sins will prove yourself charitable.”

Give Me the Truth

- ▣ “However I may react to it whatever may be my attitude toward you after you have done it, give me the truth! For the truth, and only the truth, can make me free from the shackles of sin, strengthen me in the pathway of righteousness and lead me to the joys of heaven. “

Give Me the Truth

- ▣ “If I am wavering, weak, lukewarm, indifferent, neglectful; if I have been overtaken in a trespass, if I have been drawn into the pleasures of the world; if I have left first love; if I have been led astray by error; or if I have done none of these, but simply need to grow in knowledge and be edified, **give me the truth!**”
- ▣ Bill Crews

Hospital View:

- ▣ Sick people coming for healing and help who are in various stages of healing from brokenness and loss.
- ▣ Ambulatory?
- ▣ Convalescing?
- ▣ Rehabilitation?
- ▣ Teaching?



Luke 5:30 - 32

- ▣ Luke 5: 30 “The Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but **those who are sick**. 32 "I have not come to call the righteous but **sinners** to repentance."

1 Timothy 1:15

- ▣ “15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the **world to save sinners**--of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his **unlimited patience** as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.”

Romans 12:3 - 5

- ▣ 3 “For by the grace given me I say to **every one of you**: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has **given you**. “each” NKJV
- ▣ 4 Just as **each of us** has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,
- ▣ 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and **each member belongs** to all the others.”

Romans 12:6 - 8

- ▣ 6 "We have different gifts, according to the **grace given us**. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in **proportion to his faith**.
- ▣ 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;
- ▣ 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

Mark 10:43 - 45

- ▣ “Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
- ▣ 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.
- ▣ 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, **but to serve, and to give his life** as a ransom for many.”

In Christ

- ▣ Ephesians 1:7- 8 “**In him** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- ▣ 8 that **he lavished on us** with all wisdom and understanding.”
- ▣ 2:6-7 “**And God raised us up with Christ** and seated us with him in the heavenly realms **in Christ Jesus**,⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us **in Christ Jesus**.

In Christ

- ▣ 2:19 “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,”
- ▣ 3:10 – 12 “His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”

Prisoners for the Lord

- ▣ 4:1 – 3 “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life **worthy of the calling** you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Truth is in Jesus

- ▣ Ephesians 4:20 – 21 “You, however, did not come to **know Christ** that way. 21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with **the truth that is in Jesus.**”
- ▣ Eph. 1:22 – 23 “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

One Body

Eph.4:4-6

- ▣ One body – not many.
- ▣ One Spirit – God's Holy Spirit (cf. 1 John 4:1-2)
- ▣ One hope – called to that hope by the gospel (cf. 2 Thess. 2:14).
- ▣ One Lord – He is both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36; Rom. 10:9)
- ▣ One faith – not many.
- ▣ One baptism

Christ Gave Gifts

Eph. 4:7-11

“ But **grace** was given to **each one of us** according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men. (**Psa. 68:18**)”
9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,”

Eph. 4:14 - 16

- ▣ “Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.
- ▣ 15 Instead, speaking the **truth in love**, we will in all things grow up into him who is the **Head**, that is, **Christ**.
- ▣ 16 **From him** the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Changing Masters

- ▣ Romans 6:4 “We were therefore **buried with him through baptism** into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life.**”
- ▣ Romans 6:17 – 18 “But thanks be to God that, though you **used to be slaves to sin**, you wholeheartedly **obeyed the form of teaching** to which you were entrusted. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become **slaves to righteousness.**”