

'NEW LIFE HEALING CENTRE'

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The Sacrifice of Christ

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

You may well have thought what a strange question to ask. "Do I want to get well"! In the natural this sounds quite absurd. "Of course I want to get better, I have visits to the doctors, hospital, take medication, so, isn't this clear that I want to get well?" But let us look again at the healing in John's Gospel, Chap. 5 v 6. Jesus asks the impotent man "*Wilt thou be made whole*", or, as we would say "Are you ready to be healed or are you willing to be made whole". Do you hear the words of Jesus? There has to be a willingness in your heart, mind, will, to be made whole. Do you really want to get well? And Jesus asks this even though you go to the doctors or you have hospital visitations, or you have been prescribed medication to get better. Jesus asks you today this vital question, "IS THERE A WILLINGNESS IN YOU TO BE MADE WHOLE?"

This poorly man of 38 years did not know who Jesus was. He didn't know that standing before him (picture this) was the Promised Messiah, Deliverer, Healer which he didn't know or recognise was the ONE God promised to send. . . . *the Son of Righteousness with Healing in His wings*". (Malachi 4 v 2). Still picture this scene. Standing amongst the vast crowd of sick, lame, paralysed and blind, those waiting for God to send an Angel to stir up the waters, was . . . ? . . . Christ the Healer, who God had sent and anointed to SAVE AND HEAL. Standing in the midst of all those people, but standing before this man talking to him, the ONE who had the power to break the bondages of sickness and disease and, (listen to this and let these words move your spirit, soul and will), the ONE who was WILLING to HEAL all those who came to Him. Praise God. JESUS NEVER CHANGES. He is as WILLING TODAY as He was then.

But, the man did not recognise Christ. Do you recognise Jesus today? Your recognition of Him is in your answers, it is in your responses to Him, it is in your language that you speak. This man which we are reading about could be you today, for he did not answer Jesus' question about whether he was willing (earnest) about his healing. His mind, his words, his will was still focused upon his own natural limitations. For he told Jesus, "*Sir, I have no man when the water is troubled to put me into the pool, but while I am coming another steppeth down before me*". John 5 v 7.

Final thought. Christ the Healer was there, with him, to heal him, but his eyes and thoughts and confession (language) was still fixed upon his impossible situation. Are yours?

In Jesus Name, think about your willingness and how earnest you are about receiving healing from Christ? Think about how you recognise Him today in your life?