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Title: Faith Makes You Whole

Scriptures: Luke 17:11-19

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11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

INTRODUCTION

Faith is God's door into the Kingdom of His blessings.

Everything with the Church starts with faith.

- ***Without faith it is impossible to please Him.***

(Hebrews 11:6)

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

God is not impressed with our works without faith but is impressed by our faith.

Example: The healing of the centurion's servant.

(Matthew 28:10)

"When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

- Things you can do without faith:
 - Discipline yourself and improve your behavior.
 - Have an education and earn yourself a lot of money to buy material goods.
 - Stop smoking, drinking, speak bad words, curse and change over a new leaf.

Everything that is not of faith does not get God's attention.

- "Whatever is not from faith is sin".

(Romans 14:23)

"For whatever is not from faith is sin".

- Some people do better by accident than some Christians do on purpose.
- Some more committed to morality than some Christians.
- Christians should do better morally in conduct and behavior.
- Our distinction is our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

- ***Heart and mouth leads you to salvation.***

(Romans 10:10)

"For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

(Romans 4:3) }

"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Illustration: A discount coupon gives you the credit necessary to purchase an advertised special offer product.

- You don't have righteousness.
 - Faith gives you the credit to be righteous.
 - Faith in God through Jesus cleanses your sin.
 - You are redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

- It is not discipline that makes us Christians but our faith in Christ.
 - Faith has works; we can grow in faith.
 - Faith teaches you to pray, obey the Word and to walk after the Spirit.
 - Satan may not attack you materially but attacks you mentality, morally and to live a passive lifestyle towards God and His will for your life.
 - Faith is a verb (action).

THE TEN LEPERS (LUKE 17)

They were dying outside the gate and had to make a decision.

- Faith needs to be worked.
 - Naaman had fame and power but this could not heal him.
 - He had to dip himself 7 times in the River Jordan.
 - Fame and power had to give way to the wisdom of a maid who pointed him to a man of God.
 - Naaman had to make a decision - to go or not to go.

- Jesus was passing through Samaria (Verse 11).
 - Samaritans were considered outcasts by the Jews.
 - They were not only Samaritans but were also lepers who were considered unclean.
 - Jesus was not looking out for the lepers, they called to Jesus for mercy (Verse 13).
 - Blind Bartimeus called out for mercy (Mark 10:46-52).
 - Move in faith and God will take note of you. Call Him and ask Him (Verse 10).

- The evidence of faith is obedience.
 - The lepers obeyed Jesus and were going to show themselves to the priest (Verse 14).
 - Healing happened as they went.
 - We must keep on walking in faith in spite of circumstances.
 - The miracle happens in the walk of obedience.
 - God is at work in our lives. Keep obeying.

- One leper returned when he saw he was healed (Verse 15-16).

(Luke 17:15-16)
"With a loud voice ... glorified God, fell down on his face, giving thanks."

 - A grateful and thankful person will receive assurance of healing and blessings from the Lord.
 - The man who glorifies God continues to enjoy fellowship with God.
 - Ungratefulness robs you of future blessings .

(Luke 17:19)

"And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

CONCLUSION:

Are you among the 10% who gives thanks?