THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God

Physical and Spiritual Healing

Luke 18: 35 - 19: 10

Introduction: Luke continues to report Jesus' progress toward Jerusalem. At the end of chapter 18 and moving into chapter 19 we have the record of two events: a man who receives his sight and another whose greedy character is transformed. In both cases salvation has come.

I. The Scope of Salvation

- A. Because of our tradition, we are inclined to think of salvation only in terms of going to heaven. We ask, "Are you saved?" and we mean, "Have you trusted Jesus to forgive you and take you to heaven when you die?"
- B. The Biblical meaning of salvation is much broader. In fact, going to heaven is actually a by-product of the process.
- C. Jesus came to reverse the total effect of sin through His atonement. The root of the word **saved** means to heal or restore; and salvation includes healing and restoration of the spirit, soul (including emotions, mind, and will), and body.

II. Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

- A. A desperate cry, "Have mercy on me!"
- B. A specific request
- C. Healing: Faith or Jesus?

III. Lunch With a Greedy Outcast

- A. A curious little man
- B. Jesus pays attention
- C. A radical transformation
- D. The contrast between the rich ruler and the chief tax collector

Conclusion: Salvation is for the whole person. The new birth is instant. The restoration of the mind, will, and emotions occurs over time as we yield to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Physical healing can be experienced now in part, but is fully guaranteed in the resurrection when our full salvation is complete. It is God's purpose in Christ Jesus to fully redeem and restore everyone of us in every dimension.

Αs Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. Now hearing a crowd going by, he began to inquire what this was. They told him that Jesus Nazareth was passing by. And he called out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, I want to regain my sight!" And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." Immediately hе regained his sight and began following Him, glorifying God; when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God. He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Explain the root concept of the word save.
- 2. In what way is physical healing a part of Jesus' atonement for our sin?
- 3. What can we learn about prayer form Bartimaeus' plea? What are several qualities that characterize his request?
- 4. In what ways are the rich ruler and Zaccheus alike and in what ways do they differ?
- 5. How does salvation make itself know in Zaccheus' life? What does this tell us about true conversion?
- 6. Was Bartimaeus healed by faith or by Jesus? Explain your answer.
- 7. Explain how the mind, will and emotions are healed through salvation. Do you have examples from your own life?

NOTES

who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. When they saw they all began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Zaccheus was trying to see

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Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.

Mark 10: 46 NASB

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