

**“What it Means to be Reformed”; Session # 65, Sola Fide - “Faith Makes You Whole”, Prepared by Pastor Paul Rendall for the Adult Sunday School Class on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

The Faith that justifies is also the faith that will make you whole.

**1. Faith will pray and beg answers of the Lord Jesus.**

Mark 5: 21-24 – “Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.

Mar 5:22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet

Mar 5:23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

Mar 5:24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

**2. Faith is touching Jesus spiritually; coming to Him knowing that He can make you well and whole.**

Mark 5: 25-34 – “Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

Mar 5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

Mar 5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

Mar 5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Mar 5:29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

Mar 5:30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

Mar 5:31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

Mar 5:32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

Mar 5:33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

Mar 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

W. B. Godbey says: “We do not get what we ask for, but what we believe for, our faith being the measuring line of our reception from God. The human side of Divine healing is simple faith in Jesus for that very thing, as He is no respecter of persons. The great law, “As your faith is, so be it unto you,” is applicable to the body as to the soul. We do not say you must discard your physician, but we do say that you must have faith in Jesus alone to heal you. Perhaps if Jesus had come along at an earlier day, when she was paying out her money and looking to those physicians to heal her, her faith in them would have vitiated her faith in Jesus, and thus defeated her healing. Your physician may help you, like your nurse; but you make a great mistake when you look to them for healing. In this I do not depreciate the medical profession, as the most competent physicians I have met in my extensive travels have confessed to me their utter incompetency to heal the sick, but only to assist nature, it being the province of God alone to give health and life.”

John Gill says: "Through faith in Christ she received the cure from him; for it was not her act of faith that either merited, or procured it, but his power, and he himself the object of her faith that effected it: though he is pleased to take no further notice of the virtue that went out from him; but commends her faith, for her further and future encouragement in the exercise of it, and for the encouragement of others to believe in him. In the Greek text it is, "thy faith hath saved thee"; both from her bodily disease, and from her sins: not that there is such an intrinsic virtue in faith as to deliver from either; for certain it is, that it was not virtue that went out of her faith, but virtue which went out from Christ, that cured her of her issue; though faith was the means of drawing it out; or it was that, through which, virtue from Christ exerted itself, and produced such an effect: and it is as certain, that not faith, but Christ, is the author and cause of spiritual salvation: faith looks to Christ for salvation, and receives every blessing of it from him, as righteousness, peace, pardon, adoption, and eternal life; so that believers are saved by grace, through faith; through the exercise of that grace they have the joy, and comfort Of salvation now; and through it they are kept, by the power of God, unto the full possession of it hereafter."

### **3. Jesus knows how to quell our fears and take away our anxieties, but He expects that we will believe in Him to see Him do His greatest works.**

Mar 5:35-43 – While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

Mar 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

Mar 5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

Mar 5:38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly.

Mar 5:39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

Mar 5:40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

Mar 5:41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

Mar 5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

Mar 5:43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

Mark 6: 5, 6 – "Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them." "And He marveled because of their unbelief."

### **4. Our asking things in prayer ought to be done in faith.**

James 1: 5-8 – "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

Jas 1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

Jas 1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

