

“Rise & Walk”

Matthew 8: 14 - 17

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The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12);
“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

• Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)

3. Righteousness applied trusts in the true healing only God can bring, (vs. 14 - 17)

A. Only God can bring true healing of one’s “sin sickness,” (vs. 14 - 15); *“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.” (John 9:1-7, ESV)*

B. Only God can bring true removal of the contaminant that cause “sin sickness,” (vs. 16 - 17); *“And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are— the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.” (Luke 4:31-37, ESV)*

4. Righteousness applied accepts the cost of discipleship, (vs. 18 - 22)
5. Righteousness applied demonstrates faith in the worst of circumstances, (vs. 23 - 27)
6. Righteousness applied exercises dominion over the demonic realm, (vs. 28 - 34)
7. Righteousness applied is the authority by which sins are forgiven, (vs. 9: 1 - 8)
8. Righteousness applied is the greatest need of the sick not the self righteous, (vs. 9 - 13)
9. Righteousness applied challenges the established view of piety, (vs. 14 - 17)
10. Righteousness applied confronts the weakness of fraudulent faith, (vs. 18 - 26)
11. Righteousness applied brings the fullest measure of enlightenment, (vs. 27 - 31)
12. Righteousness applied frees the bondage of the oppressed, (vs. 32 - 34)
13. Righteousness applied is compassionate toward those who are lost, (vs. 35 - 38)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

Matthew 3 - 12

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- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
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- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)