

**Hope  
For The  
Hopeless**

**10-28-18**

Luke 5:12–16 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>13</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, **“I will; be clean.”** And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup> And he charged him to tell no one, but **“go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”** <sup>15</sup> But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. <sup>16</sup> But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

**The OT leprosy was an irreversible physical condition requiring separation from the population.**

Leviticus 13:45–46 (ESV)

<sup>45</sup> The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’ <sup>46</sup> He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

**This man of hopeless condition dares to cry out to Jesus, “If you will, you can make me clean!” Then Jesus does the unthinkable, HE touches the man. Then Jesus declares the man clean! At Jesus’ touch, power was transferred to the man!**

**As terrible as leprosy is, it is a physical picture of something much worse ailing the human spiritual condition. Leprosy is a picture of the destructive, degenerative power of sin within the human nature! This OT picture of leprosy helps us physically to see the damage of those bound in sin. This sin separates us from God! Like those with leprosy in the OT, without Christ, we are unclean living outside the camp. However, Jesus has cleansed us from our sin and brought us into HIS kingdom. Also, Jesus has given us the healing message of Hope for the Hopeless to share with those with spiritual leprosy and separated from God.**

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By his wounds you have been healed.**

**Jesus is speaking Hope For The Hopeless. Jesus is speaking to HIS sheep!**

John 10:27 (ESV)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**When Jesus speaks, "HIS sheep hear HIS voice!" Not everyone hears HIS voice but only HIS sheep hear HIS voice!**

**Now today Jesus is using us to speak Hope For The Hopeless! When we speak HIS sheep will hear HIS voice – not everyone hears but only Jesus' sheep hear!**

**Jesus commands us as HE commanded HIS first disciples!**

John 20:21 (ESV)

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

**As the first disciples, Jesus sends us out with HIS authority and power!**

John 20:22–23 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

**We announce forgiveness; we do not create forgiveness. This is the essence of salvation. And all who proclaim the gospel are in effect forgiving or not forgiving sins, depending on whether the hearer accepts or rejects the Lord Jesus as the Sin-Bearer.**

**Our job is not to save! Our job is to speak Hope For The Hopeless! We possess a priceless treasure and God commands us to give it away.**

**Be confident, we do have a healing word and healing touch for those suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually! We are responsible to give what we have!**

Acts 3:6 (ESV)

I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you.

**We have Hope For The Hopeless! Jesus is going before us and doing a work ahead of us. Speak HIS Words with the understanding HIS sheep hear HIS voice.**

John 10:27 (ESV)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**Speak HIS Words of Hope. Touch The Hopeless! Be an agent of healing!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***