

Healing in Jesus' Name

Scripture Reading — Acts 3:1-10

"Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ ... walk." Acts 3:6

Peter and John were financially broke. They had followed Jesus for three years and had received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, but they did not have much in the way of material goods. They had no way of helping the paralyzed man with what he thought he needed most--financial independence.

But they understood what the man really needed. The paralyzed man needed both spiritual and physical wholeness. So instead of trying to give the man what he requested, which they didn't have, Jesus' disciples gave the man what he needed most--and this overflowed from what they did have. In Jesus' name they healed him both physically and spiritually.

In our world today there's a need for institutions like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. But what the world needs most is spiritual and physical salvation through the name of Jesus Christ.

Can you become a powerful witness who is concerned not only about the social plight of the world but also about the spiritual bankruptcy that underlies social injustice? Let's help the poor, but as we do, let's not forget about their souls. Let us give to our neighbor the most important gift we have: salvation in Christ.

Do you have the power of faith to be a bold witness for Christ through your lifestyle and testimony?

Prayer

Lord, open our eyes to the physical needs of our neighbors. And as you do, please give us insight into their spiritual needs. Help us share your good news. Amen.

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