

Daily Devotional

Day Twenty Four

(Why are Christians Sick?)

Hebrews 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Matthew 13:58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

1 Corinthians 11:27,29-30 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord...29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

The children of Israel could not enter into the Promised Land because they did not believe what Moses was telling them. Moses was telling them that God had made a covenant with their father Abraham and swore he would give them the Land of Canaan. When they spied out the land they saw giants and walled cities. They saw themselves as insignificant grasshoppers and refused to enter the Promised Land. They did not believe the Gospel. Even Jesus himself was limited to the faith of the people. Jesus read from Isaiah the scriptures that declared that he was the anointed one and they did not believe it. The Apostle Paul writes, if you take the communion in an unworthy manner you bring judgment on yourself not discerning the Lord's body and for this reason many are weak, sick and die early deaths. The communion is a celebration of our redemption in Christ Jesus. It is a reminder of what took place on the cross. Jesus became our substitute. He bore our sins, once and for all. God judged Jesus for our sins with the entire curse of the Law. Jesus buried our sins and forever put them out of God's sight. When we accept Jesus into our hearts our old man (sinful nature) dies with Christ. In water baptism we are buried with Christ. When we come up out of the water we resurrect with Christ a brand new man. We are born again, a new creature in Christ. Jesus took our sin and bore our judgment and gave us his perfect righteousness and abundant life. Jesus made us forever worthy of God. Many Christians are still trying to earn their righteousness by their obedience to God's commandments and by their good works. All who try to obtain their righteousness by the Law fall short and are condemned. All who fall under condemnation feel unworthy of God. If you take communion not believing that you are worthy of God you are in unbelief. No one is worthy of God in his own righteousness. We all need a Savior. Jesus saved us by his grace. You must believe that Jesus has made you righteous, worthy, acceptable, and perfect in God's sight or you will never enter into the inheritance of good health, long life and abundant prosperity. Christians are sick because they do not believe they are worthy of God. They do not believe the Gospel.

Prayer

Father I thank you for sending me a Savior and for making me worthy in your sight. I thank you for making an exchange with me. I thank you for taking my sin and giving me your righteousness. I thank you for qualifying me to inherit all the wonderful promises made in the Bible.

Confession

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus has made me worthy of God. I am perfect in his sight. My sins are not counted against me for my Lord has paid my debt in full. I believe in my heart Jesus bore my judgment for sin and I confess with my mouth, "By Jesus stripes I am healed".