

**Do You Want To Be Made Well?
John 5:1-14**

Sunday 5pm // John 5:1-14 // 1.7.18

v.6-9a When Jesus

saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" **7** The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." **9** And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

v.9b-13 (v.15-18)

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." **11** But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" **12** They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" **13** Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was,

v.13-14 for Jesus had

withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."

The Meaning of Communion

Communion is one of two ordinances specified in the NT. It is a practice that is commanded of the church but the frequency and the mode of partaking is not spelled out in any great detail. Let me highlight a few things that Communion represents. First, it is a remembrance of what we refer to as the WORK of JESUS. Second, it is an act of worship before God as we reflect on what was required to accomplish salvation. We do NOT believe, as some faiths do, that the bread and the cup become the body and blood of Christ. I love the words of John Westerhoff "The Lord's Supper has a victorious redemptive focus more than a somber, funeral sorrowful one. The early Christians celebrated their sacred meal on Sunday -- the Lord's Day, the day of victorious resurrection. Those who are gathered around The Lord's Table might have been sinners, but they were redeemed sinners."

Why We Do Communion Every Week:

We Sing Songs each week, we pray each week, we give of tithes and offerings each week, we preach every week but we celebrate communion at random times throughout our calendar? Seem odd? Does to me... We want in various ways, to connect all we do back to the centrality of the cross. We want to have our focus in the person and work of Jesus and we feel as though this is done effectively through the partaking of the communion.

Who Should Participate In Communion:

Simply, those who are saved and those who have no known unconfessed sin in their lives. Listen to I Corinthians 11:27-30 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

Words of Jesus Concerning Communion:

Mark 14:22-24 "He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is My body.' And He took a cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, 'This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many'