

Jesus Is Healer – 03/20/11

Matthew 16:13-18

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "*Who do you say I am?*"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on *this rock* (the revelation of who Jesus is) *I will build my church*, and *the gates of Hell will not overcome it*.

The revelation of "Who Jesus Is" is the foundation upon which the church is built and the gates of Hell WILL NOT OVERCOME YOU!

Your personal revelation of "WHO JESUS IS TO YOU" will determine whether the outcome of your life is created by Jesus or if that plan is overcome and dominated by the "Gates of Hell."

The key is to understand that "Jesus Is," not "Jesus Was"!

Healing is not a matter of understanding Bible doctrine, but rather it is one of understanding the nature and goodness of God.

Religion has defined who "Jesus Is," when we should let the Word of God do it!

Psalm 103:2-5

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and *forget not all His benefits*:

3 *Who forgives all your sins, who heals all your diseases,*

4 *Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

5 *Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

You cannot obtain a benefit that you don't know belongs to you.

I John 3:8 - He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might *destroy the works of the devil*.

What does the Bible define the "Works of the Devil" to be?

Acts 10:38 - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and *healing all who were oppressed by the devil*, for God was with Him.

Luke 13:16 - So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, *whom Satan has bound* — think of it — for eighteen years, be *loosed from this bond* on the Sabbath?"

Ryan's story

Quotes from Ryan's Medical records:

- At the age of 3 years and 4 months, review of the “Reel Scale” indicates that Ryan is at an 18-month level in expressive and receptive language performance.
- Progress over the past 8 months has been slow . . .
- He remains easily distracted and often fails to focus or maintain focus upon language task.
- If basic attending skills and focusing ability can be increased with continued intensive therapy, there is a prognosis for improved skills and focusing ability.

Ryan now speaks and writes in four different languages.

Matthew 8:2-3

2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him, worshipping him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.