



Crisis in the Church Parts 4 & 5... The Cure Continued
Thursday Night Teaching – The Crisis, (outline) – July 6 & 13-2020
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Isaiah 58

Then as Jesus said He is come to Seek and to Save THAT (not just those, but also that) which was lost meaning everything that needs to be addressed in our lives from A to Z (Attitude to Zero issues!) - **LUKE 19:10**

Then in Luke 4:18-19 – Jesus proclaimed the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him and Anointed Him (Empowered Him to:

- A) Preach the Gospel to the Poor
- B) Heal the Broken Hearted
- C) Proclaim Liberty to the Captives
- D) Recovery of the sight to the Blind
- E) To Set at Liberty those who are oppressed
- F) To Proclaim the Acceptable year of the Lord (Favor, Year of Jubilee (**Isaiah 61:2** and **Leviticus 25:10**

AS Christ is so are we: **John 14:12**, **Ephesians 5:1** and **1 John 4:17**.

Secondly, in the Cure for the Crisis in the Church we are called not only to Minister Spiritually but also practically in the lives of others, **ESPECIALLY BELIEVERS**.

ISAIAH 58:7-10

A) Proclaim Liberty to the captive - **John 8:31-32**, **2 Corinthians 5:17** - Liberty (Freedom) from Sin, Self and Satanic Captivity to name a few!! AS NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST WE ARE GIVEN THE ABILITY AND POWER TO LIVE A LIFE OF FREEDOM !!!! Why? Jesus paid the price with His Death and Resurrection!!! (**Romans 5:18-21**)

B) Recovery of the sight to the Blind - Not only physically blind but spiritually blind as well!! In fact, what does it profit to see physically and be blind spiritually and spend eternally in Hell? **2 Corinthians 4:4** - The God of this world - Satan blinded the MINDS. That's why we renew our minds daily (**Romans 12:1-2**) and we monitor what we think (**Proverbs 23:7**)

C) To Set at Liberty those who are Oppressed. Oppressed is unfair or harsh treatment consistently done against the Word of God. There are many Types of Oppression probably the most recognized in our society is mental and systemic oppression. Mental: constant fear, fixated on what might happen, persistent negative thinking to name a few. Systemic: medical term meaning whole or entire body. Means widespread and persistent. Jesus gave the CURE for this in several places. Let me share with you three!!

Luke 10:38-42 – Martha fretful and agitated, Mary at the feet of Jesus.

Also **Matthew 11:28-30**

And **Acts 10:38**.

D) To proclaim the year of Jubilee!!! - In the Old Testament: The year of Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years. Debts were forgiven. Slaves and Bond-Slaves were set free and God Himself provided enough food for a nation for several years while the land rested (they had to sow the seed). (SEE: **Isaiah 61:2** and **Leviticus 25:10-22**) That freed up individuals to be a blessing to others!!! WITH JESUS EVERYDAY IS JUBILEE !!! Glory that we are Stewards of what God Blesses us with; EVERYTHING GOD BLESSES US WITH. Time, Talent, Treasures... (**Matthew 25:14-30**) WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!!!! LET's BE ONE!!!

Faith Challenge: For the next 10 days and beyond take the opportunity to be a blessing to someone.

Encourage them. Thank and appreciate them. Help them. Bless them in some way that is feasible to you!! Food, Prayer, Assistance with a problem or need etc. WHY?? God Calls us to PUT LOVE (AGAPE) IN ACTION i.e. COMPASSION !!!! Consider these Scriptures:

Proverbs 14:31, Proverbs 19:17, Matthew 5:16, Hebrews 13:16, and Romans 12:13.