

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## A Prescription From The Great Physician

Our world is filled with a very deadly disease, and this disease that I am referring to is not cancer, AIDS, heart disease, or even the Coronavirus, but rather it is SIN. You see, sin is the most common disease known to man (Romans 3:23), and it is the most deadliest disease known to man (Romans 6:23). For, sin will wreck the mind, it will wreck the body, it will destroy the soul of man, and if not taken seriously, many souls will be forever lost (Revelation 21:8).

However, the good news is, Jesus Christ died for our sins (Romans 5:6-8, 1 Corinthians 15:3). He shed His precious blood for many for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:28), and He being “The Great Physician” has given us the prescription needed to rid our souls from sin. This prescription given by “The Great Physician” is...

### **Hear The Word of God.**

In Luke 11:28, Jesus said, “...blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” Simply put, Jesus said, happy are those who hear God’s word and obey it. Therefore, take heed to those words of Jesus, hear the word of God and keep it, and remember, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

### **Believe In Jesus Christ The Son of God.**

In John 8:24, Jesus said, “...for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” You see, Jesus made it very clear that those who do not believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God will die in their sins, they will be condemned (Mark 16:16).

### **Repent of Your Sins.**

In Luke 13:3 and Luke 13:5, Jesus emphasized the need for one to

repent of their sins when He said, “...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” Therefore, my friend, recognize that repentance (i.e. turning away from sin) is essential in ridding the soul from sin, and know that God commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30).

### **Confess Jesus Christ Before Men.**

In Matthew 10:32-33, Jesus said, “...whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Simply put, one must openly declare their belief of Jesus Christ, the Son of God before others (Acts 8:37), knowing that, “if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9-10).

### **Be Baptized.**

In Mark 16:16, Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved.” You see, baptism is necessary for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Therefore, know that Jesus has prescribed baptism, and that it is necessary if one wants to have their sins washed away (Acts 22:16).

### **Remain Faithful Unto Death.**

In the latter part of Revelation 2:10, Jesus said, “...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” Hold onto that promise of Jesus Christ, be one who hears the word of God, believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, repent of your sins, confess Jesus Christ before men, be baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins, and be one who remains faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ unto death, knowing that those who do so will inherit an imperishable crown of life.

Now, I venture to say that when you become physically ill, you readily consult a physician in search of a remedy for your illness, and that you without hesitation follow your physicians orders in minute detail, because you want to get well again.

Knowing that, I often wonder, why would anyone choose not to follow in minute detail the orders given by “The Great Physician” in order to cure their sin-sick soul? Think about this. You see, our souls are our most valuable possession, and there is nothing that is worth losing our soul for (Mark 8:36). Therefore, be one who follows in minute detail the prescription given to us by “The Great Physician” and rid your soul from sin!

*✍ Brad Phillips*

## OUR DUTY TO LOVE

I went to a wedding recently and the preacher used the phrase “Duty to Love” in his remarks about the commitment of marriage. We see that in Ephesians 5, explaining how we are to mimic the love of Jesus for the Church. And that is true. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the church. As I remembered this wedding, it got me thinking about that phrase.

When I hear the word duty, I think of responsibility. I think of expectations. I think of following my supervisor’s orders or even the military. The word love has so many meanings in the English language. But I have looked up the definitions of both.

### Definition of duty:

1. Something that one is expected or required to do by moral or legal obligation
2. the binding or obligatory force of something that is morally or legally right; moral or legal obligation

### Definition of love:

1. A profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person.
2. a feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child, or friend.

Jesus has provided us several simple rules about how we are to love.

John 13:34-35

**<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

Jesus, speaking to the apostles here, is telling them to love each other. He even calls it a commandment. Jesus told the apostles they needed to love each other so others around them would know they were

his disciples. But you know the thing about friends? It’s easy to love your friends. You know what’s hard to do? Loving our enemies.

MT. 5:43-47

**<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.’ <sup>44</sup> BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU, <sup>45</sup> SO THAT YOU MAY BE SONS OF YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN; FOR HE CAUSES HIS SUN TO RISE ON *THE EVIL* AND *THE GOOD*, AND SENDS RAIN ON *THE RIGHTEOUS* AND *THE UNRIGHTEOUS*. <sup>46</sup> FOR IF YOU LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WHAT REWARD DO YOU HAVE? DO NOT EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS DO THE SAME? <sup>47</sup> IF YOU GREET ONLY YOUR BROTHERS, WHAT MORE ARE YOU DOING *THAN OTHERS*? DO NOT EVEN THE GENTILES DO THE SAME? <sup>48</sup> THEREFORE YOU ARE TO BE PERFECT, AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT.**

**WE ALL HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN MEAN TO US OR TREATED US POORLY. WE ALL HAVE SOMEONE AT OUR JOBS OR SCHOOL WHO UPSETS US. DO WE LOVE THESE PEOPLE? DO WE LOVE THEM ENOUGH TO DEMONSTRATE THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO THEM BY BEING KIND AGAINST WHAT WE THINK THEY DESERVE? WE ARE EXPECTED TO LOVE EVERYONE AS EVERYONE IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND DESERVES TO KNOW ABOUT GOD. WE ARE TO BE TEACHING OTHERS THROUGH OUR LOVE FOR THEM.**

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00 p.m.

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