

Consider His Power

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[0:00] So, as has become our custom in Sunday school, I'm looking for five volunteers this morning to read scripture. I Darren, Isaiah 64, 6, Jared, Psalm 38, 9 and 10.

! Mr. Blodgett, John 5, 21. Matt, John 5, 22. One more. Second Matt, 5, 23 of John.

Okay, so turn your Bibles to John chapter 5 this morning. I don't know if you all realize this, but I was studying for this lesson, and it's titled Lesson 9 in our Considered Christ series.

So, does it seem like we've had nine lessons on that already? It's been a while. Yeah, nine lessons. The first one, who can tell me one of the previous eight lessons?

His omniscience? Yes. Sorry I don't have candy today. I'll have to owe you. What was number eight? Yeah, I got it. Number eight was forgiveness. Yes. We'll let it slide.

[1:05] Forgiveness joke, right? Okay, who else? Anybody else know? Yes. Deliverance is number four. Okay, so our first one was consider Christ. Second lesson was consider His presence.

Third, omniscience. Fourth, deliverance. Five, consider His omnipotence. Yep. Number six, consider His lordship. Seven, to consider His holiness.

Which, it's not really worth it coming to church and doing everything if God isn't holy, is it? Yeah. Number eight, forgiveness. And we're on lesson nine.

We're going to consider His power. Consider His power. John chapter five, starting in verse number one. After this, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now, there is at Jerusalem, by the sheep market, a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tone, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

[2:11] For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool and troubled the water. Whosoever then first, after the troubling of the water, stepped in. Let me start over.

Whosoever then first, after the troubling of the water, stepped in, was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. Time out for a second. I read this verse, and I think to myself, how great would that have been?

I mean, can you imagine something like that today? Like if we went to the, I don't know, the reflecting pool in Washington, D.C. has been in the news a lot, so let's pick on that one, right? Not to bring politics into church, don't get me wrong, it's just a pool everybody knows.

But if you could step into the pool and be made whole of whatever disease you had, your bad back goes away, right? And it's interesting to me that in this time, in this culture, people believed it, right? It wasn't voodoo magic, wishy-washy, crazy stuff. People believed it because it happened. Okay, time in. Verse number five.

[3:13] And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool. But while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked. And on the same day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It's the Sabbath day, it's not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then they asked him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

And he that was healed was not who it was, for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Verse fourteen. Afterward, Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him,

Behold, thou art made whole.

[4:21] Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. Let's all pray together, and ask God's blessing on our time. Heavenly Father, we just come to you this morning, grateful to be here. Glad for the things we've already heard, Lord.

I just pray as we go forward into the Sunday school hour, that we could glean from your word this morning. Thank you for all that are here, and I just pray this in Jesus' name, amen. Amen. So the book of John is really a wonderful picture of the love of Jesus Christ for the lost and dying world that we live in.

The whole book shows the Lord forgiving sins, giving eternal life to all that would believe on his name. That's a great doctrine right there. All who would believe.

Not some, right? Not the elect. All. Our passage this morning takes place in the city of Jerusalem. Jesus had come into the city and was at a place called the Pool of Bethesda.

So Bethesda means house of mercy. The pool was a place of God's mercy. And it was by the sheep gate in Jerusalem reminding us of the ministry of Jesus, the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.

[5:29] The Lamb of God then came to this place of mercy, and he met a man crippled for 38 years. Some in this auditorium have not even been around for 38 years.

Some of us can relate to having infirmities of 38 years. Doesn't matter how old this man is or how long he'd had his condition.

What matters is he had it. And he was helpless from it. He was unable to do anything to heal or to save himself.

Really, this is a picture of all of us, of all mankind. And from his life, we learn that God loves all men and desires to make all of us whole.

Because he is the almighty God. He has the power and the desire to save all of us. So as we look at the story of the helpless man this morning, notice all that has to happen for Jesus to restore him and the power Christ exercised to restore us, those that are saved, as well.

[6:33] As we look at the predicament of man. Verse number five. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity 30 and 8 years. When Jesus saw him lie and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Will thou be made whole?

The infinite man answered him, Sir, I have no man when the water is troubled. Put me into the pool. But while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. When Jesus saw the man lying there, he had already had that condition for 38 years.

But because of his predicament, he was powerless to help himself. The man was weak. Had no power. Had to lie there all day long. And his malady was real.

For 38 years, he'd been lying at the edge of the pool, hoping to be the first one in. But he couldn't do it, could he? Couldn't make it by himself.

He had no power to get into the pool. This man is a picture of a sinner without Christ. Because let's face it, we are all crippled by sin.

[7:35] In our sins, there is no way we can cleanse ourselves. All of our good deeds are as filthy rags the Bible says. And we do not have the power to earn our way into heaven, to stop sinning, or to make ourselves whole again.

Isaiah 64, 6. You know, the entire human race is unable to solve the problem of sin. No psychologist, no psychiatrist, no counselor, no self-help book is able to solve the problem of sin. Might make us feel better for a moment. It's just a band-aid. Like the man who lay there for 38 years, helpless, the world is helpless without Jesus Christ.

The other tragedy of this situation, though, was that the man was not getting any help from other people. He laid there 38 years, and nobody could bother to walk by and kick him in the water.

When this man explained his predicament to Jesus, explaining his helpless condition, he stated, Sir, I have no man. Think about that. No one cared enough to show any compassion for him.

[8:46] He had no loved ones, had no family, had no friends. There's a lot of people in the world today who are neglecting and who are needing the gospel. There are people out there who need spiritual encouragement, who maybe just need a connection with another person, another Christian that has compassion enough to show that they care.

These people have tried various programs, counseling, churches, different religions, and they're still struggling because they don't have Jesus.

They need someone to help them. You know, I think a lot of times we see the needs of the world. We know that there are people everywhere that could be helped with Jesus, but we struggle to find ways to do something about it.

So the illustration given here was about the Sudan famine of 1994. Anybody remember this? So I was early 20s.

I don't remember it very well, right? Photographer Kevin Carter captured the tragedy through his award-winning photograph. Anybody remember this photograph? The photograph was of a young, dying child crawling towards a United Nations food camp just one kilometer away.

[10:03] Behind the child was a vulture waiting for the child to die. Oh, it gets better. The photograph won the 1994 Pulitzer Prize and astounded people all around the world.

That's a special kind of wrong, isn't it? As the picture became more famous, people began questioning Mr. Carter about what happened to the little girl.

The truth was, immediately after he took the picture, he left the scene, leaving the girl to die. To appease the public, he lied and said that he fed the girl after he took the picture.

However, guilt weighed on his conscience more and more until finally he committed suicide three months later from the guilt of not doing anything to help this starving child. You know, don't pick on Mr. Carter.

Don't be mad at him. I think we've all been Mr. Carter once or twice in our lives when we've seen somebody who needs the gospel and we take our picture and walk away. We as Christians should be distributing the bread of life to the lost children of this world.

[11:16] People all around us are starving for the bread of life and Jesus Christ is the one who can save lives. You know, Ephesians 2.12 reminds us that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world.

Jesus Christ comes to us in our time of need just as he came to this powerless man. He loves the lost. He loves this world and he wants to redeem everyone no matter what our past is we learned this morning.

This man obviously didn't have a perfect past but Jesus wanted to save him. In fact, this man had been living with his consequences of his own sin and still Jesus wanted to make him whole.

In his predicament, perhaps he was punished for his sin. In this particular case, it appears the physical suffering of this man was brought on by sin. It's important to recognize, however, that not all sickness is sin.

Just because somebody's sick, just because somebody has a disease, that doesn't mean there's sin in their life. Very important to understand that. You know, we can look through the Bible, all throughout the Bible, there's people that were stricken with illness that were not in sin even while being faithful to God.

[12:37] It's not our place to judge what sickness somebody has. This man, however, does seem to have been being punished for his sin because we see in verse 14 when Jesus finds him after the healing.

Look at verse number 14. Afterward, Jesus findeth him in the temple and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole, sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

You know, when we willfully choose to live in sin, we invite the wrath of God on our lives. It's a hard thing to explain to new Christians, right, that balance of not sinning, trying not to sin, and being in sin.

That's a really fuzzy place to be sometimes. And I gotta say, having been a Christian for a little while, it can still be pretty fuzzy because there's times where I know I'm not being the Christian I ought to be.

And there's times that I feel bad about that and I still struggle with those things. And I think, does God, is God mad at me? Does God hate me? Does God, you know, is God punishing me? Or am I trying to get out of that sin?

[13:45] Am I trying to work on that sin? Am I trying to get over and through and past that sin? In my mind, that's the difference between having sin and living in sin. What am I doing about it?

We see the results of sin in the life of David. After committing adultery and murder and then trying to cover it all up, David had to cry out to God and repent. We saw the results of sin in his life and because he feared God, he knew that he would have to confess and repent.

Psalm 38, verses 9 and 10. As we look at the story of the crippled man this morning, I hope we can all remember that he is a picture of all of us. We're all trapped in sin, helpless without the grace of God.

All of us were lying at the pool of Bethesda, needing someone to get us to the Lord. Why is that? Because Romans 3.23 says, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

We all need help, don't we? The law showed us our impotence in our sinful state before a holy God. We all need the grace of Jesus Christ. The predicament of this man is summed up in the picture of this man needing the water of life, the mercy of God.

[14 : 59] Someone needed to help him though, didn't they? And Jesus does. Jesus helps him. And the reason is so that we can see the power of Jesus Christ. This wonderful account shows us Jesus Christ's power to come into our lives and radically change us forever.

People ask me, what makes your religion better than another one? Why are the Baptists better than the Catholics? Why are Christians better than Muslims? The answer is simple.

It changes people. It changed me. I'm different. You may not all see it, but I am different.

And that's what makes it real. We are radically changed for eternity. Jesus has power over everything. But in this instance, he chose to show us his healing power.

Look at verse number 8. I like verse number 9.

[16 : 10] And what's the word there? Immediately. Forgiveness from Jesus is instant and total. Jesus took this crippled man and he used his spoken word to heal him.

The power to heal and perform miracles is not in the words of men. It's solely in the word of God.

Christ exercised his power to heal. Then he gave three commands. First, Jesus says, rise.

Christ wanted this man to rise without anyone helping him. The man had to see for himself he could do it, didn't he? Yeah. He had to act in faith, believe Jesus' word, that he could do it, that he could stand and he could rise up.

And as he acted in faith, the Lord gave him the power to rise. This is a picture of salvation. We must receive Christ by faith and then Jesus regenerates us and gives us spiritual birth.

Second command that Jesus gave that day was he told the man to take up his bed. Christ wanted to show the unbelieving Jews that his power was real. Christ had given this crippled man the strength not only to rise, but to carry his bed.

[17 : 20] Stand up. Be different. You now have the strength to get out of your predicament. This showed the strength this man now had was to lift his burden and carry it away.

And finally, Christ told him to walk. Christ had this man walking and living in the newness of life that he gives all of us. This is what God can do with someone's life. He picks us up from the side of the pool, gives us strength, and helps us to walk for him.

Back in the 70s, really long time ago, there was a few crazy acts of vandalism that brought destruction to some of the most beloved artworks of the world.

One incident was in September 1975, was at the Museum in Amsterdam. I can't speak the language, so I'm not going to try to say it. It's called the Museum in Amsterdam, home of Rembrandt's famous painting, Nightwatch.

Anybody remember this? An angry man ran through the museum until he reached the famous painting. He then took out a bread knife. Come on, you can take a knife, take a knife, a bread knife.

[18 : 27] Takes out a bread knife and slashes the painting as much as he could before someone stops him. In May of 72, another incident took place at St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome, this time to Michelangelo's sculpture, the Pieta.

A man came into the cathedral with a hammer, smashed it to pieces. You know, sin makes us do crazy stuff, doesn't it? Yeah. And although the damage was severe to these masterpieces, people around the world wanted to see them restored.

So officials began working to fix the broken pieces of art. They brought in the greatest artists of the modern world who carefully and precisely put them all back together to a state where most people looking at them couldn't even tell they were damaged at all.

What God does for us is he heals us, is far greater than that. It's far more powerful than gluing a statue back together. Jesus Christ takes us in our sinful condition.

He heals us completely by his strength and his power. God has grace to give and mercy to heal.

[19 : 36] And when we go to him, he will take our lives and make it brand new. 2 Corinthians 5 17. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature class.

New. Not old. Not restored. Not fixed up. Not glued back together. He is a new creature. Old things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new.

I like that. I like being new. Restored, not my favorite word. God. We're not patched up and put back together. We're brand new.

How we can thank God for his healing power. He has healing power, but frankly, he has all power. And this is the heart of the matter.

Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, possessing all the attributes of deity. Look at verse number 16. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus and sought to slay him because he had done these things on the Sabbath day.

[20 : 37] But Jesus answered them, My father worketh hitherto and I work. Therefore the Jews sought more to kill him because he not only had broken the Sabbath but said also that God was his father making himself equal with God.

When Jesus demonstrated his divine power, he showed that he was equal with God. And there are many today who deny Jesus his quality with God. The Jews of this day were displeased with Jesus because he claimed to be equal with God.

And we have seen his mighty power both in the scriptures, but more importantly, at least I hope this is true for everyone here today, we have seen the mighty power of God in our own lives.

Because there's no better indicator that Jesus is God than to see his power in our own lives. We have seen his mighty power in the scriptures and in our lives, and we know that he is the all powerful God.

Colossians chapter 1 verses 16 said, For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created by him and for him.

[21 : 51] He is before all things, and by him all things consist. I like that verse, visible and invisible. It seems like every five or ten minutes we find out how science discovered something new with some greater microscope that we didn't know was there before.

It's so called. Anyway, you know, the Jews already hated Jesus, and they'd been threatening him pretty often, but by now they hated him even more for what he had done on that day.

I mean, can you imagine being mad 38 years this guy lays here by the pool. Jesus comes over and says, rise, walk, take up your bed and be whole. Sin no more.

Oh, what are you doing, Jesus? Who do you think you are? It's the Sabbath. You shouldn't be making people whole on this day. They were mad about it. We've got to get this guy.

He's ruining everything for us. Happens today, though, too, doesn't it? It's common when people find out what Jesus does in the lives of others.

[22 : 56] I thought about this for a long time. Why were they so mad at Jesus? The answer I come up with was, they weren't mad that Jesus healed anybody.

They were mad that Jesus was saying, you can't save yourself. I see it all the time. I was talking to a man one time. He grew up in a different religious sect, and we were talking about religion, and I was trying to slip in as much gospel as I could.

He was picking up on it. He was a very intellectual person. His job was to sit in front of other people and convince them of his position to be right in our company.

He was good at it. That's the way he lived his whole life. He went around convincing everybody that he was a smarter person. We got to the point where he had to realize that Jesus could save him, and he couldn't do it by works.

He balked God. He honestly believed that he would stand before God one day, and he would get out the list, and he would say, okay, God, this is why you need to let me in, because of this thing and that thing, and he was going to convince God of his own righteousness.

[24 : 06] righteousness. And he was angry when I told him, filthy rags, man, faith, gets you saved.

He wanted to save himself. The Pharisees wanted to save themselves. This passage shows us three particular areas of equality between God and the Father Jesus Christ.

Number one, they are equal in works, John 5, 21. So they are equal in works. The second, equality we see is they are equal in judgment, John 5, 22.

Hard to get around that verse, isn't it? Matthew 16, 27 says, for the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

The third way we see that Christ is equal with God is in John 5, 23. John 5, 23 says that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.

[25 : 06] He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him. Jesus Christ is equal with God the Father, and we owe Jesus the same praises that we would give God the Father.

Jesus is the Lord God Almighty, and he had the power to come to this man who was unable to walk for 38 years and change him. But Jesus did so much more for this man than just heal him physically.

Jesus also healed him spiritually. And although it was a miracle this man could walk again, the greater miracle was that his sins were forgiven. He now had the promise of eternity, something that we can all have also.

So we looked at this morning the predicament of man, the power of Jesus Christ. Now let's see the promise of eternity. Jesus Christ gives the promise of eternity to all, to all who believe.

you know, a lot of people like to say that's not true. They'll say something like, well, how can you possibly know? You can't possibly know how good you are.

[26 : 12] You can't know where the scale is going to end up when you stand before St. Peter at the gate. So much bad doctrine in that state, but it's just so much confusion, right? That's why it's important.

And that's why I believe, and that's why this church teaches, we get our answers from the Bible.

One of my favorite verses in all the Bible, probably top five favorite verses, 1 John 5 13.

I grew up in church, but it was a Methodist church. We went most every Sunday. And I remember being taught that, yep, you can know you're saved.

Jesus wants you to go to heaven. But every time you do something bad, you've got to get re-saved again. Okay, so how do I know if I've ever gotten enough good to get in?

Well, you just can't ever know. I'm like nine or ten years old. And I'm thinking to myself, well, what's the point? If the goalpost is always moving, if I can't ever know, why would I ever want to follow a God that wants me to live in confusion my whole life?

[27 : 24] Yeah. However, the Bible says differently. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may, what's that word?

Guess, that you may guess you have eternal life? That you may hope you have eternal life? How about that you may work for eternal life? That you may know. I know some things, and I think I know some things.

They're not always the same. But here's what I know. And no matter what anybody says, no matter what anybody does, this knowledge will never change.

And this is why God wants us to know and not feel. Because feelings change, knowledge doesn't. Facts are irrefutable. That ye may know you have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Through Jesus Christ, the reception of eternal life is possible. Look at verse number 24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

[28 : 41] Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given himself to have life in himself, and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of Man.

What's all that tell us? Anyone can have eternal life. All of us can be saved. Today. Not when we've earned enough merit badge points, not when we've paid enough money, not when we've cleaned up our life.

Today, we can have eternal life. We must hear his word on the matter and believe him that these things are true. It's a wonderful thing to have the assurance and the promise of eternity. If we have trusted Christ for salvation, we can have confidence that God will fulfill his promise to allow us to spend eternity in heaven with him.

Verse number 20. I'm sorry, that's the wrong one. Let's look at 1 John 5. 20. I was wondering why it wasn't. Mathan up for me. That silly John, he confuses a lot of people.

Couldn't he just write one book? 1 John 5. 20. And we know that the Son of God has come and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in

his Son Jesus Christ.

[30:09] This is the true God and eternal life. There was a preacher, W.B. Hinson, just before his death, he thought about the fullness of life he experienced through his relationship with the Lord.

As he pondered the life the Lord had blessed him with, he said, I remember a year ago when a doctor told me you have an illness from which you will not recover. I walked out to where I lived, five miles from Portland, Oregon, and I looked across the mountain that I love.

I looked at the river in which I rejoice, and I looked at the stately trees that are always God's own poetry to my soul. Then, in the evening, I looked up into the great sky where God was lighting up his lamps, and I said, I may not see you many more times, but mountain, I shall be alive when you are gone, and river, I shall be alive when you cease running to the sea, and stars, I shall be alive when you have fallen from your sockets, and the great downpulling of the material universe.

We can have so much peace from knowing that we will spend eternity with Jesus Christ. As Jesus gave his challenge that day, he explained that all of us will be resurrected also one day.

And this is good news for all those that believe in him. And a warning and admonition for those who do not. Verse 28 of our text shows us the resurrection unto eternal life.

[31:36] Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice. Good news.

We will not be left in the grave. And shall come forth they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of mine own self do nothing.

As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which has sent me. God forgives our sins, and he will resurrect us to where he is one day.

This passage speaks of all future resurrections. 1 Corinthians 15 also explains the resurrections. verse 23, But every man in his own order, Christ the firstfruits, afterwards they that are Christ at his coming, then cometh the end when he shall have delivered up the kingdom of God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

These passages teach us of the future resurrection of believers. During this time, all believers will be brought to be with the Lord. Can't wait.

[32:52] there's coming a day. Don't worry, I'm not going to sing the song. There's coming a day, though, when those of us who are alive in Christ and going to join those who have gone before Christ, and we will all live with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians chapter 4, verse 15 tells us, For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we be with the Lord.

So shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. Jesus not only promises to forgive our sins, He also promises to take us someday to be with Him to live for all eternity.

This is the future resurrection for all believers, and remembering it gives us comfort, gives us encouragement. I will say though, that while this is true, the older I get, the more I understand this verse.

[34:08] Like when you're 30 years old, for me, very obscure. When I'm like a lot older than 30, way less obscure now.

I totally get it. I want that day to come a little more every time. I would imagine another few years, every year that goes by, I will long for that day a little more.

Unfortunately, there's also a resurrection for unbelievers. Those who have rejected Christ will be resurrected to a time of judgment. Let's look at this one together, Revelation chapter 20.

Turn over your Bibles. Revelation chapter 20. We're going to look at verse 11 through 15. What are we looking at here? Resurrection for unbelievers.

Verse number 11. And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them.

[35:06] And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were open, and another book was open, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things

which were written in the books according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast in the lake of fire.

This is the second death. And one of the saddest verses in the entire Bible is verse number 15. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire, to be saved, to go to heaven, to miss being cast in the lake of fire.

Your name has to be in the book of life. It's not about good works. It's not about things you do, say. It's not about who your family was. Your name has to be in the book.

Jesus has promised a resurrection, and he has also promised a time of judgment. the way we avoid the lake of fire is to come to the place of mercy and accept Jesus' forgiveness for the sins that we all know we have in our life.

[36 : 17] He wants everyone to have the opportunity to be saved. If you have come to the pool of mercy, you can have confidence that your name is written in the book. Consider the soberness of these verses, the context and the power of Christ, and balance that against the man of the pool.

Because of Christ's ability to save, and because mankind's helplessness condition, should we not be fervent in our obedience to tell others of the power of Christ and his ability to free them from their sin.

All men share the predicament of sin. We all come to the pool of mercy, helpless and without strength, and we're all spiritually unable to save ourselves. But, once we're all saved, we have experienced the power of Christ, the power great enough to make someone who was once broken, new.

We all share the problem of sin, but because of the power of Christ, we all have the opportunity to enjoy the promise of eternity. So, as we prepare to start a new week, let's consider Christ and his power.

And if there isn't someone in our life who maybe could benefit from hearing about Christ's power, we serve a powerful God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, Ephesians 2.4 says.

[37 : 43] Thank you.