

Mark 1:40-42

⁴⁰ And a leper came to Him, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." ⁴¹ And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand, and touched him, and said to him, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

For the world who knows not the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, they see Him as only a law giver that is trying to rob them of their fun. What they don't recognize, is that they are as unclean spiritually, as this leper was physically. In fact, their spiritual leprosy is called sin! The only way any of us can be cleansed of it, is to be washed by the very blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on Calvary. This blood is so precious, yet our Savior offers it freely to any who ask. It was never intended to be taken lightly, or to be treated as common. So why do so many Christians try to offer it as a remedy to attain eternal life; yet, acknowledge nothing is required from us? If that were true, then why does Jesus instruct the leper after healing him to offer a sacrifice? **Mark 1:43-44** reads, **And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,** ⁴⁴ **and He said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."** Church, we were never intended to stay in a state of spiritual leprosy! Christ freed every follower and disciple of His, that they might be freed indeed. No one in their right mind, who has ever had a terminal disease in their body, would ever seek to return to it after being healed. So why do Christians try and explain to others, that it is ok for them to remain in sin after having been cleansed and saved? Is it not an unthankful or unregenerate heart that would seek to remain living their life in the sin infested sewage that surrounds us?

Dear friend, too many people in the church are watering down the saving power of the blood of Jesus. They take lightly the magnificent debt that the Son of God paid for them!! Each one of us was born into sin, and for many, sin is all that they have ever known. We compare ourselves to one another, and determine that we are basically good people. But, if we compare ourselves to the Law of God, the Ten Commandments, then we would clearly see that we are morally bankrupt. No where in the Holy Bible, does it ever say that God licensed His children to remain in their sin, if only they would say a simple prayer. The gift of salvation that is offered to every man and woman requires something on your part. Yes, it is a free gift, but free doesn't make it cheap! This gift requires that you give everything in your life, in return for the greatest gift ever given to mankind. Don't be deceived brethren, many a man has come close to the saving power of Christ, to only then apostate himself because of the price required. Many people believe that their religion or denomination will save them, but that is simply a lie. Nothing can save any of us outside of Jesus Christ, and Him crucified! Dear friend, if you are lost, backslidden or in a state of apostasy, then won't you choose today to die to your sins, and make Jesus your Savior? Ask Christ to come into your wretched life, and to cleanse you of all your sins. Please don't delay. Many may see this word as legalistic and extreme; but it is honestly the greatest message of love that can be spoken through mortal lips. The hosts of heaven are watching to see your choice, and Jesus is waiting with both of His pierced hands, ready to embrace you into His fold. Choose to make Him Lord of your life, today!