

# THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL

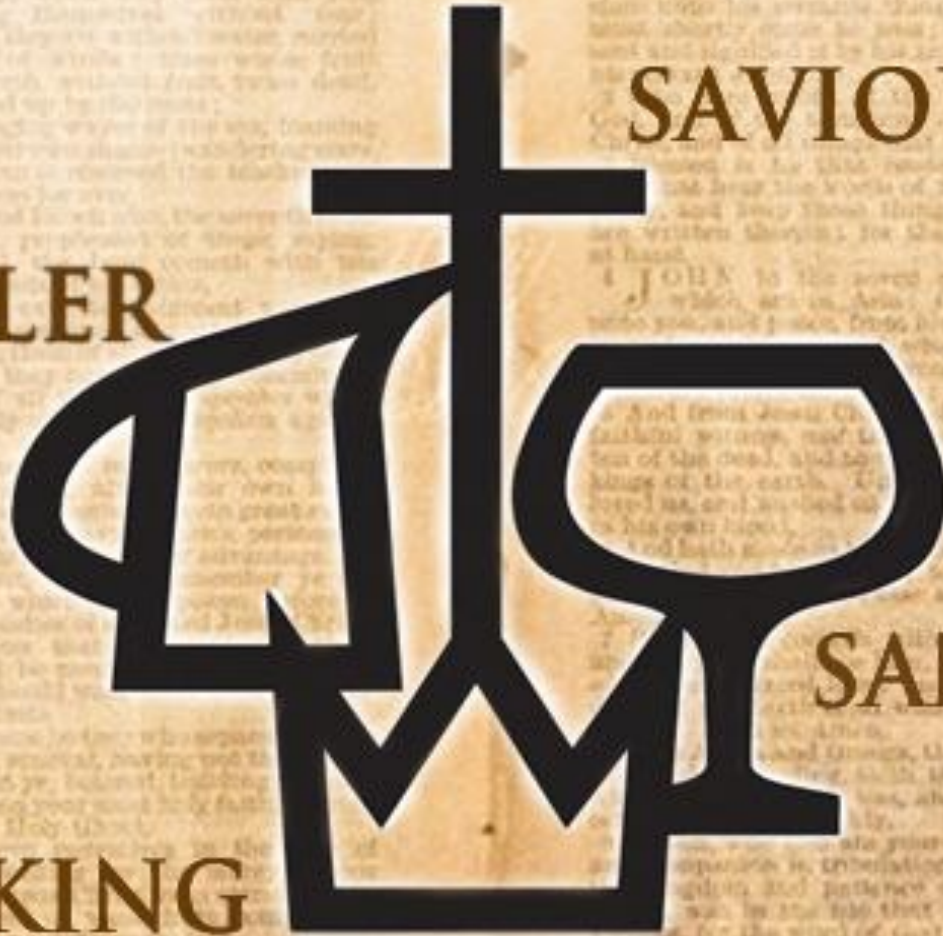
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CHRIST OUR HEALER



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## Christ our Savior

- sin & the wrath of God
- motivation – love of God
- Christ Jesus – gift of God in our place
- Invitation to respond – personal, free will
- New Life

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## Christ our Sanctifier

- New Position
  - justified
  - adopted
  - set apart, new people
- New Process
  - living up to who I am in Christ
  - empowered by Holy Spirit
  - grace driven obedience, my participation



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## Core Assumptions

### 1. World is under a curse Rom.8:18-23

*“<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.”*

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## 2. Our Physical Bodies will Decay and Die

2 Cor 4:16ff “ *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.*”

Heb. 9:27 “ *And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment*”

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## 3. One Day all will be Restored

1 Cor. 15:50-52 “I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.  
<sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.”



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## Christ our Healer

### 1. Healing Matters to God

- Exodus 15:25-26 *“There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, <sup>26</sup> saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”*

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- Isaiah 53:4-6 *“Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*



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- Matt 11:4-6 *“<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.”*

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## 2. Snapshots of Jesus

### a) ministry described Matthew 4:23-24

*“And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.”*

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## b) touched by Jesus – change expected

John 5:11-9 *“Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup> In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” <sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while*



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*I am going another steps down before me.”  
⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed,  
and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed,  
and he took up his bed and walked.*

*Vs. 14 “Afterward Jesus found him in the  
temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin  
no more, that nothing worse may happen to  
you.”*

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## c) Meant to Point to God & His Glory

Luke 17:11-19 “<sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him

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*thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*



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## d) Persevering in Prayer

Mark 8:22-26 *"And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."*

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## 3. Healing for Today

James 5:13-16 *“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”*

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## **a) pray 1<sup>st</sup> personally**

- discern – the ask, surrender my will to yours, review my beliefs

## **b) Prayer with the Elders**

- discern
- invite spiritual authority
- simple obedience

## **c) pray for each other**

- community
- gifts and the body



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## So What?

### 1. **God is a Healer**

- setting right what is broken by sin
- relationally – new position
- resources – Holy Spirit Enabling
- personally – body, emotion, spirit

### 2. **Touched by God Brings**

- change (never the same)
- testimony (witness)
- perseverance (accepting his way and time)

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## 3. **Process**

- personal prayer and discernment
- asking for Elders – prayed over
- participating – praying for one another