

## SEVEN STEPS FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Luke 17:11-19

### Introduction:

1. The blessings of God reveals the condition of the heart.
  2. God's blessings reveal either self-centeredness or God-centeredness.
- I. (v. 12) **THEY ALL HAD THE SAME DISEASE** (Leprosy equals sin).
    1. Psalm 51:5 says, "Behold, I was shaped in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me."
    2. Rom 5:12 says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men for all have sinned."
  - II. (v. 12) **THEY WERE ALL IN THE SAME PLACE** (A far off – distanced them).
    1. Ephesians 2:17 says, "And came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to them that were near."
    2. They were in a leper colony, the Samaritan and all the Jews.
    3. They were to wear a mask and yell "Unclean" to all approaching.
  - III. (v. 13) **THEY ALL CRIED TO THE SAME PERSON** (To Jesus for healing).
    1. We all want God's mercy and healing, but what about a heart healing?
    2. Matthew 9:27 says, "And when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us."
  - IV. (v. 13) **THEY ALL CRIED FOR THE SAME THING** (Mercy--helplessness).
    1. When you stand before God, do you want mercy or justice?
    2. What do you want for your neighbors or enemies in life?
  - V. (v. 14) **THEY ALL GOT THE SAME PRESCRIPTION** (Go in obedience).
    1. God's prescription for healing spiritually is always the same.
    2. John 5:14 says, "And afterward Jesus finds him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, you are made well; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you."

[They all had the same disease, were in the same place, called the same person, begged for the same thing, and they were given the same prescription, now ]

### VI. (v. 14) **THEY ALL GOT THE SAME BLESSING** (Cleansing from disease).

1. They were healed at the hand of Jesus.
2. All escaped impending physical death and society's segregation.

### VII. (vv. 15-19) **ONLY ONE GOT REGENERATION** (Saved from sin).

1. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."
2. (v. 15) The healed leper glorified God for his physical healing.
3. (v. 16) The cleansed leper glorified God in his humility.
4. (vv. 17-18) The other 9 ungrateful lepers grieved Jesus' heart.
5. (v. 19) The Samaritan leper only received spiritual healing as well.
6. (v. 19) All 10 lepers got their hides healed, but only one received heart healing.

### Conclusion:

1. Everyone wants their hides healed, but few want their hearts healed.
2. We invest time, talents, and money on those things and people we love.
3. Where is God on our list?
4. If Jesus blessed your life today, how would your heart respond?
5. I think we see right here how the average person responds to the blessings of God with only 10% are really changed in this miracle.
6. Is our average going to be greater than that of the Lord's ministry? (Something to ponder)