

John 5:1-9

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[0 : 0 0] Here in John chapter 5 beginning verse 1 says, After this there was a feast under the Jews and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is a Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda having five porches and these lay a great multitude of impotent folk of blind, haught, withered, waiting for a movement of the water. 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 was made whole of whatsoever disease he had and a certain man was there which had an infirmity thirty and eight years and when Jesus saw him lie and knew that he had been now a long time in that case he saith unto him, with thou be made whole. The impotent man answered him, serve I have no man when the water is troubled to put me in the pool but while I am coming another stepped 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. We'll stop reading there back back up to verse one in chapter 5 of John. After this there was a after this there was a feast of the Jews and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Folks we don't know for certain what feast this was it's not that important but I can guarantee you that Jesus Christ went out of his way to go to that feast. It was a feast that was set forth in the laws that God put forth. Jesus Christ wasn't concerned about man-made feasts. He wasn't concerned about man-made festivals but he was concerned with keeping the law that his father had put forth over in the Old Testament. Verse 2, now there is that Jerusalem by the sheet market a pole which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda having five porches. There is a pole by the sheet market or by the sheet gate. A pole named Bethesda as I've already said Bethesda in the Hebrew tongue being a word for mercy that means mercy but it says that there's five porches at this pole. There's five places five alcoves five five areas where people can go to this pole can linger around this pole called Bethesda or called mercy and it's right at the sheet gate coming into the city. Folks if you turn to Nehemiah chapter 3 and you read about the building of the walls that surrounds Jerusalem way over in the Old Testament after the exile and after the Jews are allowed to go back you'll see that this sheet gate was the first gate that was put up there. The sheet gate is where the sacrificial animals were taken into the city the land being first and foremost of those animals. I know that there were other animals there were sheep there were goats there were bullocks there were all kinds of animals that were allowed in but the lamb was the one that took the tall notch of that ladder. The lamb is what John Baptist called Jesus Christ as he saw him coming down the riverbank when he said behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. The lamb is what Jesus Christ is called over and over and right inside the sheet gate right inside the sheet market was his pool. Copethesda having five porches five in the biblical numerology being a number of favor and being a number of grace and if you put over to John chapter 6 it was with two fish and five loaves of red that

Jesus Christ fed multitudes of people. Pives are all over the scripture showing grace over in the book of Genesis Joseph when he gives his brothers raiment he gave Benjamin five extra changes of raiment not because Benjamin is urgent but because he had obtained the grace and the mercy of a man named Joseph his brother. So we got five porches in this place called mercy this place called Bethesda there's five porches grace mercy we've got the Lamb of God right there in this place of mercy and it says in these days lay a great multitude of impotent folk blind, hauled, withered, waiting for a movement of the water. Folks that describe the state of Israel in that day it describes the state of the world in the year 2021 that we live in right now but John was describing the state of the state that

Israel was in. It says by this pool by this place called Bethesda by the place with the very name of mercy lay a bunch of folks it says that they were impotent folks they were blind they were hauled

they were withered waiting for a movement of the water awaiting on the moving of the water he was describing Israel here they were blind they were hauled and they were made they were blind they couldn't see their condition they could only hear about their condition they were hauled meaning they had no movement about them that's the same word for impotent here the same meaning for impotent they had no strength by themselves and folks they were blind hauled they were withered they could do no work for Almighty God because they are dependent upon themselves for centuries at this point not depending on God not depending on the giver of the law but depending upon the law itself and people are in that same shape nowadays they are in the same shape if I just do this God will be pleased with me if I just do that God will be pleased with me I'm talking about lost folks the folks in Israel here hey they were the apple of God's eye they were those chosen of God through a man named Abraham over in the book of Genesis yes they were chosen of God but they have become so dependent upon themselves and upon their own actions and upon these these animal sacrifices and say hey if I just do this if I just take a couple of turtle does if I take a goat if I take a sheep if I take a bullet and I give it under the priest and he offers us a sacrifice for me me and

[6 : 50] God will be just fine folks that was not the purpose of the sacrifices those sacrifices had one purpose that was the point to mercy who was standing before this impotent man right here at the pole of the dasta they pointed at Jesus Christ they were never meant to reconcile man back to God only one could do that and he was standing right here at the sheep market right at the sheep gate right here at this pool right here within these five porches mercy itself was at this man this man that was in but then he couldn't do anything for himself he was without strength he was blind he was haunted he was made he was whether he was useless to society and Jesus Christ was about the show just how useful he could be though hallelujah hallelujah for an angel went down says he was waiting he was waiting for a moving of the water take that one verse in a consideration now about that I had to myself in these in these in these porches and these little dugout places they've they've been recent years uncovered the pool of

Bethesda they've discovered it over in Israel in our archaeological digs me miss he actually saw a video about that a month or two back I guess it was that's been in recent years that they discovered this pool of Bethesda folks Jesus Christ didn't work married many miracles within the confine within the city of Jerusalem he didn't work very many miracles there at all most of his miracles were at the towns that were surrounding Jerusalem in the places surrounding Jerusalem on across the water from where Jerusalem was hey Jesus Christ did not work many miracles here but this is one that he did this is one that he did but it says in these in these porches lay a great multitude of impotent folk blind halt withers waiting for moving of the water they were blind they were halt they were withered and they were waiting what were they waiting on I know the scripture says on the moving of the water and it says why because an angel in a certain season will come down trouble the water folks if that was an angel of God I don't know let me back up I don't know that that was an angel of God I don't know that that was an act an act of God or not because that would create derision that would create confusion it would create confoundedness and not only that but it would also create discord amongst the people of God that were gathered around that pool and according to Proverbs chapter 6 God hates those hands that sow discord he hates that was sow discord among the brethren so I'm not positive that this troubling of the water was of

God but if it was it was to point to this one moment this one moment that we are reading about in these non verses it was to point to this one moment how people would gather around this pool the pull up the path they would gather there they would wait on this troubling of the water maybe for days maybe for weeks it just says in a certain season that the angel will come down some people said it was once a year folks I can't find that Hebrew history I can't certainly can't find it in the Bible it just says that a certain season an angel would come down and it would trouble the water I don't know if that troubling was sticking a finger in the water I don't know if it was causing the water to bubble up I don't know what that trouble was it doesn't matter but at a certain season something would trouble the water and the first person in that water that's the one that would get the healing that's the one that would that would be made whole in this circumstance but these people were buying they were hoped and they were withered they were useless but they were waiting they were waiting for a troubling water they were also waiting on Messiah they were waiting on Messiah to come on Messiah that was promised in Genesis chapter 3 all the way through the rest of the Old Testament they were waiting on that Messiah to come to come forth that Messiah was standing

right here in front of this man here at the pool of Bethesda he was standing here it says for an angel went down a certain season in the pool trouble the water who served in first after then first after the troubling the water stepped in was made whole but whatsoever disease he had and a certain man was there which had an infirmity 30 and eight years don't just breathe over that and continue on that's very significant that this certain man it doesn't give a name for him but he says he had an infirmity for 30 and eight years 38 years he had been laying there 38 years I don't know if baby his family brought him laid him there took him back home at night I don't know but 38 years he had been laying there impotent he'd been laying there with it even later unable to help himself he was in a hopeless state what's significant about it if you turn to Deuteronomy chapter 2 verse 14 you'll read from the time that the Israelites left Mount Sinai when they came under the law when they came under the law to the time that they began the conquest into the promised land it was 38 years 38 years they were under the law of God 38 years Deuteronomy 2 14 don't believe me if you look it up in your bow you make sure I'm telling you right Deuteronomy 2 14 38 years from the giving of the law to the conquest into the promised land from the giving of the law to the promise that God had made from the giving of the law folks 38 years they had spent they had spent from the giving of the law under the under God coming through this process I've already said they were waiting on Messiah yes they were waiting on trouble in the water they've been waiting on Messiah for a whole lot longer hey they've been under the law all this time they have been under the law that was given an Exodus chapter 20 they were under the law they're like God had given a Moses and Moses had given to the people of God but now grace had entered in on the scene and these five porches at the around the pool of Bethesda grace and mercy and truth and righteousness were around all these people hallelujah 38 years they spent yeah the Israel under the law before the conquest began 38 years this man had an infirmity every bit of scripture is important folks don't you look over a single word without delving into it to see exactly what it means every bit of scripture has significant divine meaning to it every bit of it does certain man was there which had an infirmity 38 years when Jesus saw him lie and knew that he had been now a long time of that case he saith unto him but that'll be made whole what was it all kind of question was that what's that'll be made whole of course he wanted to be made whole of course it was his will that he'd be made whole of course that was folks that's the will for any of us when we get sick we get a running nose we get a headache we get coughing we get what stomach problems whatever the case is if somebody come up to us they said will that be made whole of course we would be made whole what kind of question is that Jesus Christ though he wanted this man to see his condition he wanted to feel his condition wanted to completely understand his condition that's why he asked the question will that be made whole so if this man ain't both this was Jesus Christ this is the man just four chapters previous or three chapters previously and turned water into wine this is a man that is a man and the word is bound to spread about and roll around the people of Jerusalem but he walked in here with strength of this man and no one else recognized him no one said this is Messiah no one hey all these other accounts you see of give of Jesus's healings what happens from the people come around here they follow him into the house they follow him from house to house they follow him from town to town from field to field people are coming all about but he enters into this goes around to this pool and Bethesda and not one of these people recognized him the man that he was addressing didn't even know who he was hallelujah that don't show the sovereignty of God I don't know what does if that doesn't prove what Paul quotes in Romans chapter 5 or Romans chapter 9 I'm sorry when he says he'll bless him he'll bless and he'll curse him he'll curse you ever wondered why you were saved and somebody to three houses down the street from you's loss you ever wonder why God saved you didn't say them ever wonder why Jesus Christ didn't just walk on to these five porches and just heal them all I'll tell you why because he's sovereign he could heal who he wanted to he could have done that he could have very easily he could save the entire planet right now if he wanted to with one snap of his divine finger it could be done but that ain't the way God plans that ain't the way God intended it and therefore that is not the way that it'll happen no it will not happen like that Jesus all I knew he'd been there a long time just like the previous chapter John chapter 4 he knew all about that woman there at the well that's the married woman said go fetch your man go get your man go get your husband said I have no man Lord he says you're right you're right you've been married five times and that when you're living with right now he ain't even your husband he knew all about it she said I perceived that I were the prophet but it got taken and she quickly changed the subject she quickly changes it subject talking about how their father dug that well Jesus says no let's back that up don't you don't you go this

direction on me she starts talking about the mountain she starts talking about all these in Jesus Christ says you're people meaning the Samaritans those half-breed Jews that the Jews with that the full-blooded Jews would have nothing to do with the Samaritans wanting nothing to do with the Jews he said he said the Samaritans hey one of these days it won't matter if they go into the mountain it won't matter if you go to

[17 : 45] Jerusalem those that worship God must worship him in spirit and in truth why because God himself is a spirit and when long after that you see that woman running in the town saying come see a man that told me all I never did is not this the Christ he introduced herself or himself in a long roundabout way he introduced himself but she knew she knew he had known all about her all about her you know he knew all about this man says he knew he'd been in that shape for a long time he knew says when Jesus saw him lie and knew he had been now a long time in that case he says unto him will God be made whole the impotent man answered sir I have no man when the water is troubled to put me in the pool the great physician praise God the great physician was standing there directly in front of this man speaking to him asking a question do you want to be healed do you want to be made whole he says sir I have no man he's still worried about me he's still worried about the pool he's still worried about creation instead of the Creator that was standing right there before him he's still worried about all these things that never could help him to begin with he's still probably still worried about the law wondering what kind of what kind of sin he could possibly committed to put up with this infirmity that he had had for the past 38 years he's worried about everything except for the man that is standing before him that can make him whole that can heal him that can do something about his present case he's still worried about mankind worried about the pool worried about the water everything except what he needed to be focused on the manager himself I have no man when the water is trouble to put me in the pool don't depend on man to help you get there church don't depend on man don't depend on me don't depend on your dickens don't depend on husbands don't depend on wives don't depend on teachers don't depend on any man to get you there you depend on Jesus Christ you depend on his working not your own you don't depend on works of the law people can people can quit going on out on their wives all day long and still wind up in hell people can live good moralized all if they want to and still go straight to hell the Bible says that if a man keeps the whole law get up in with him one point he is guilty of all James chapter

James chapter 2 says that to tells us that if a man keeps the whole law and upends in one point he is guilty of everything meaning you are guilty of sin high and guilty of sin regardless of hell not guilty we feel about it the Bible says otherwise for all of sin and come short of the glory of God we were all in the shape of this it was a man laying by the pool we were all we were all blind we were all withers we could do nothing for God until God came to where we were just like he did this man Jesus had to go to him yeah if he had folks to take him to this pool I wonder if they gave up on him I wonder maybe the first 15 years of that infirmity he had brothers or sisters maybe a father that would pick him up carry him to that pool laying down there and say now if you see that water trouble just roll a few times yeah maybe you can get in there maybe you can get somebody else to help you get in there or maybe they sat down there by the pool for him for the first five ten fifteen years but then they gave up and they gave up and this man was still what was still dependent on man he was still dependent on man 38 years with this infirmity he was still dependent on man sir I have no man to help me when the water's trouble somebody beats me to it when the water's trouble I can't get in before somebody else to post this is this is one of those pitiful stories you can read about in all the Bible it is a story of helplessness of this man it is a story of hopelessness for this man he had he had an infirmity for 38 years and could do nothing about it and confide nobody else to help him just like the woman with the issue of blood she went to everybody she knew went to every doctor she knew and instead of getting better she rather grew worse until Jesus

Christ stepped in on the scene Jesus Christ passed through the town that she was in Jesus Christ came by her way she made her way to cross and bear she was made home this man here I said worded worded is bound to have already been spread about Jesus he walks into this pool nobody recognizes him nobody says this is the cross nobody says this is that miracle worker nobody says nobody says at this point ain't this the carpenter's son that I've been hearing so much about ain't this the one the one that's healed blind people ain't this the one that turned the water into wine ain't this the one that done all these wonderful things that we've been hearing about post I know we're only in the fifth chapter of John here but Christ had performed miracles some of them you can read

about the first four chapters of John but none of these people recognized not even the one that Jesus Christ went to Jesus passed by all those people and people will say well that wasn't very nice of him I've heard that

I've heard people say it's not very nice of God to save some and not say brothers who are you to tell what what God can do and what he can't do who am I to say what God can do and what he can't do but just God and a holy God can do anything he wants to the creator of this universe owns the universe he can do with it what he wants when he wants and he doesn't need your or my permission to do it praise God that's the sovereign God that I that I started that's the sovereign God that saved me yeah he goes to this man though nobody recognizes sorry I have no man with the waters trouble put me in the pool while I'm coming catch that while I'm coming while I'm doing something while I'm putting forth my effort while I'm doing something while I'm rolling my way to that pool while I'm clawing I'm trying my best to get there while I'm coming somebody else beats me to it praise God that's the same shape that the world is in now they're depending on their own actions they're depending on their own works they're depending on their own strength their own everything to do it but what the world doesn't realize is that they are broken around in darkness the Bible says the book of Proverbs says those that walk around in darkness no not and what they stumble they could stumble right over Jesus Christ and never realize it man they stumble over the law all day long this is what most of them do they stumble right over but they could stumble right over salvation and never know it never know it this man says when I am coming when I'm making my way to that pole when I'm doing using my own strength of my own effort another step up down before me Jesus say fun him rises rise take up that bed walk Jesus didn't ask him for a story teller session and Jesus didn't give him a story teller session Jesus went to me said rise take up that bed and walk understand the bed like you and I think he didn't pick up California King size mattress along along with the bed frame and the headboard and the footboard this would have been a cotton-caught yeah that and it would have been had little thin strips of wood on the bottom up to keep it together there would have been some it would have been intertwined almost weaved on the bottom to keep it all together and you could roll it up and take it anywhere it you went that's the kind of bed that he was talking about that's what he was talking about here he says but right take up that bed and walk after this man saw his condition after he said when I'm coming another step within of the pool Jesus is like I got something better than that you don't even have to get in the pool you don't have to worry about another man you don't have to go this way at all you've been since you've had this infirmity for 38 years how about you get healed of it this day this hour right now how about I heal that hey you don't have to go to the doctor's office 1500 times you don't have to pay go pay after copay he tells him he says rise take up that bed and walk hey when Jesus Christ saved me it was no different he didn't save me a little bit one day and a little bit more another day when I was saying I was utterly saved praise God salvation comes like that yeah salvation comes like that we don't get saved and get the Holy Ghost a year later the Bible says without his fear you're none of his when we get saved we receive the Holy Spirit right then and right there to be our God to be our help to be the one that God just teaches us and shows us he helps us we get his spirit at the moment of salvation praise God and not a second later and

certainly not a second sooner certainly not Jesus sayeth on the in rise take up that bed and walk you're healed you were healing to listen we can read about other other miracles that happen people there was a blind man that was healed Jesus healed him first time around he said I see man as trees and there's a sermon in there oh yeah there's a big lesson in that that wasn't cause cross strength across a power to heal was weakened there's a big lesson in that big lesson I might teach you to preach it one of these days but he said I see men as trees Jesus told him to go do it again go wash yourself again wash his eyes out again eat another get so clear as day oh yeah there's a there's a heresy out there right now and it's gaining momentum it's getting popularity over the past several years called peace no salvation when you buy into that for a second being the God saves you a little bit now saves you a little bit maybe three weeks three months four years from now they call it a piecemeal salvation and a bit of scripture to back it up not one I hold it not one verse not one line out of a verse to back that kind of heresy up the Bible says that God is able to save to the other most and he is able to do that and it also says a flippie is chapter one it says when those that are saved she's feeding with those that are safe says God will finish that which he has started in us he will finish it folks that don't mean that he's piecing together our salvation as we go along praise God what would happen if I had if I like or if I needed a hundred pieces to get saved I get to that 99th when something happens I get out in the road get right over by a Mack truck before I get that last

piece to my salvation I'd wind up in hell that is heresy it's a line straight from the pits of hell yeah when God saves he saves

[29 : 45] God does something he doesn't right I know y'all have heard me use the example of Abraham before when Abraham was old Sarah was old Sarah's womb was barren she was unable to produce children God brought life out of something that was dead though he brought life out of Sarah's dead dead womb he done the same thing with Abraham Abraham was an old man as well but hey he was able to fix that problem and when he fixed it he fixed it right you read when he married a woman in Katora he had a few other children by her after Sarah had done died when God fixed it he done it right and he does it for all eternity praise God hallelujah to my God Jesus said the name rise up take up by being and walk and immediately not next week not the next hour not after a lunch break immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed and walked and on the same day was the Sabbath right I say that man became a believer right then he knew he'd been made whole now if you continue reading in John chapter 5 you'll read where the Jews meaning the Council of Jews Pharisees the Sadducees the scribes and the chief priests they they saw this man carrying his bed on the

Sabbath day well God forbid God forbid that he does that God forbid he obeys the command of Jesus Christ that said rise take up that bed and walk regardless of what day it was on but these Jews they come to say it's unlawful for you to carry your bed on the Sabbath and he says the man that healed me folks they were bound they're bound to have known this man they're bound to know that he is laid up there at that point they're bound to have known that and they wasn't concerned with his healing they were concerned with him breaking the law a law that that they had extenuated all beyond what God ever meant for it to mean all beyond what he ever intended for it to be these Jews come to this man that Jesus Christ at hill and said it's unlawful for you to carry your bed on the Sabbath he says the man that healed me the man that made me that made me not and but then the one that done this for me told me to take up my bed and walk I'm doing what he said and all they were concerned about was who told you to do this this is some of the greatest scripture Jesus had come to the pool of

Bethesda and healed this man he had never never asked that man his name Jesus knew and the scripture just says it was a certain man it doesn't give a name for but Jesus had bypassed these multitude of people laying upon five different porches to go to this one individual and he healed him yeah and the Jews those higher-ups those religious folks the churchy folks they said who told you to do this he said I don't know in a little while after that says Jesus saw him in the temple Jesus saw him in the temple what does that tell me about this man this certain man that got healed I wonder how many temple services he was able to go to while he was in the town I wonder how many his family or whoever had picked him up and carried him to the temple so that he could take part in the boy when he was healed where did he go he went to the house of God to worship he went to that I'm sure that he knew him some scripture he was a Hebrew he was a Jew laying by this pool of Bethesda I'm sure that he knew David said I was happy when they said let us go up under the house of the Lord I'm sure that he was familiar with that scripture I'm sure he's familiar with all kinds of Old Testament scripture that told us to rejoice in this day that the Lord has made and be glad in it I'm sure he was familiar with all these things when Jesus Christ touched him when he healed him when he made him whole he wasted no time going to the temple to worship God and that's where Jesus Christ found him found him in the temple and he goes to me says send no more less the worst thing coming to you send no more what does that sound like flip over just a few chapters John chapter 8 yeah the woman brought to Jesus in his ultrary what did he tell her he said neither do I accuse you don't send no more go and send no more in other words in Jesus Christ saves you don't go right back out to what he saved you from we say when he saves you hey if he saved you from the bars if he saved you from the strip clubs if he saved you from the adultery if he saved you from from all these other things from the drinking and the drug and everything else don't go back out to if you go back out to those lives and you live within those lives you never got salvation to begin with because the Holy Ghost will show you different the Holy Ghost will tug it'll pull it'll kick it will make you miserable proclaiming to be a child of God living in a stake locket until you have no choice but to run back to God

I knocked myself out of my place I quit punching my Bible says the Jews therefore said unto him that was cured it is the seventh day is not lawful for the to carry that baby yeah not lawful that's all they were concerned about that's all they were worried about not the miracle that took place and the

only time they were worried about the miracle the miracle worker Jesus Christ who long time they were worried about him is when this man told him after after Jesus Christ met him in the temple he went to those Jews he said hey this man's in the temple the one that healed me the one you were asking me about he's right down there in the temple it's Jesus Christ and they sought to do what not to worship him not to bring him in so he could teach not to let him teach in the synagogue not to let him teach in one of their sessions not to be a rabbi says they sought to kill him they sought to kill him the man that had performed this miracle now these Jews Pharisees scribe

[36 : 25] Sadducees high priest your chief priests these Jews I guarantee you were well aware of the miracle it took place in Canaan I guarantee you they were well aware of that it was right there in Jerusalem right there in their center in their epicenter where where they they hung out where they done everything I guarantee you word of that had gotten gotten back to them now they were seeking Jesus not to take him on board and certainly not to worship him as God which he was but to slay him to kill him now praise God this is John chapter 5 that we're reading praise God John the chapters continue on and John they didn't catch up with them they didn't kill him Jesus addressed him several times he addressed other folks Jesus kept right on with his ministry that was the will of the Father yeah he kept right on with his ministry that when the time came though when the hour came and Jesus Christ was to be offered as a sacrifice and sin sacrificed for the entire world when that time came it was because of God's divine plan that that was the time you see time you read other times in the scriptures and the other gospels where they would seek to kill Jesus they would seek to lay hands on

Jesus and they wanted to throw him off of a cliff they want to do all kinds of thing to Jesus that's for the scriptures but his hour had not yet come praise God it didn't come for a long long long time in John's gospel here but regardless mercy mercy into this man's life is a certain man that we have no idea what his name was mercy entered in Jesus Christ passed by all these other people hope blind withered all these other people the folks we might look out at the world and say well this one's in worse shape than this one is listen a blind person can still walk a blind person can still grow up their way around by feeling they can still find their way around now a halt person they can't do that they can't move a halt person means they've they've been halted in their place if you want to think of it like that there's something's wrong with their legs something's wrong with their mobility they can't move but they can still do stuff with their hands they can still claw they can still drag themselves they can still work but a withered person the third description here with a person can't do any work they might be able to see they might be able to walk but they can't work with their hands they can do nothing their hands are withered they're they're drawn in they do nothing so we've got blind people who can't see for God we got lame people or halt people that can't walk for God and we've got withered people that can't work for God but none of them are in as bad a shape as New Testament lost people folks I know this is New

Testament New Testament we are dead dead we're not blind we're not halt and we're not withered we are dead in our trespasses and sins dead Jesus used this situation this very scene right here at the pool of Bethesda these Jews know and they would understand that because they had all these these halt people these withered people and these blind people in the Old Testament these people that had other elements I'm surprised there wasn't leprosy thrown in there somewhere or another but there wasn't because that's not the way God wanted it written but there are all these things you can find over in the Old Testament that these Jews would have been familiar with and this was a hopeless condition it truly took an act of God to heal somebody from these cases here but it says that they had all these conditions and were waiting they were waiting on the trouble of water to be troubled yes but folks they were waiting on Messiah they waited on Messiah Messiah was here right right here don't you forget these

Jews while they might have been blind halt and withered they wouldn't dead no they wouldn't dead Ephesians chapter 2 says we were dead in our trespasses and sins we were unable to do anything folks I cannot see for God I cannot walk for God and I cannot work for God until Jesus Christ comes in my life we have churches full of people now there are pastors out there that are leading flocks of God's people right now that have never received salvation we have people out there leaders within churches that are not saved we have people out there that are still dead in their trespasses and sin it's dead trying to lead the dead alone hey Jesus Christ spoke about the blind leading the blind surely they would both fall into the dead how about a dead person trying to lead a bunch of dead people to heaven it can't be done but yet they all think they're okay they all think they're alright

they're all being fooled they're all being deceived

Bible says God let them do that too Paul wrote that through the Thessalonian church he said the light believing the light of me damned and God just let him go right along with it ain't no different Romans chapter 1 where it says God will turn people that reject him turn people and reject the truth of the word and the term people that want to live their life the way that they want to women you deny the use of their body men deny the use of their body women with men men with women men with men and all these other things that go on it says that God will eventually turn them over to reprobate mind let them live their lives how they want to and they can live their life straight into hell and he is God he can do that well look at it say well that's not that's not very just you know what justice is justice would be me and you burning hell right now that's justice that's justice for sinning against the holy God but praise God there was a way from underneath them yeah