



Welcome
to
Rehoboth New
Life Center
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The Operation of the Early Church

A decorative graphic featuring the word "ACTS" in a stylized, fiery font. The letters are orange and yellow with a glowing effect. Below "ACTS" is the phrase "OF THE APOSTLES" in a white, serif font. The entire graphic is set against a dark, ornate background with intricate scrollwork and floral patterns, all enclosed within a dark, oval-shaped frame.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

The Early Church: The Gifts (Miracles, Healing, Faith, Prophecy...)

Healing, Deliverance, Answers to prayers, come about in the New Testament church through channels. And each channel operates in a certain way.

1. Through Declarative Faith (**Son-ship dominion**).
2. Through prayer(supplications) and fasting (**Covenantal**).
3. Through Gods sovereign choice (**The direct gift**).
4. Through The Gifting of another (**The indirect gift**).
5. Through Gods Grace Waiting patiently. (**Spiritual Sufficiency**)

The Faith requirements!

- **(Son-ship dominion)**. Through Declarative Faith (requires Faith, and a deep spirit life)
- **(Covenantal)**. Through prayer(supplications) and fasting (requires proportional faith).
- **(The Direct Gift)** Through Gods sovereign choice. (requires little faith).
- **(The Indirect Gift)**. Through The Gifting of another.(requires no faith in the recipient, just desire).
- **(Spiritual sufficiency)** Through Gods Grace, Waiting patiently.(requires faith/Trust in God)

When there is no faith?

Of the 35 miracles recorded in the Gospel accounts the faith of the recipient is exercised in only 10 of the accounts.

1. Healing of the lame man (Jn.5:1-9)
2. The cleansing of a leper (Mt.8:2-4)
3. Healing a mans withered hand (Mt.9:2-8)
- 4 The healing of the man born blind (Jn.9:1-7)
5. Healing the blindness of Bartemaeus (Mt.20:29-34)
6. The women who had a blood flow (Mt.9:20-22);
7. Peter who walked on water to Jesus (Mt.14:24-33)
8. The miraculous catching of the fish (Lk.5:1-11)
9. The cleansing of the
10. The 10 Lepers of which only one had faith (Lk.17:11-19).

Son-ship Dominion



Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.**

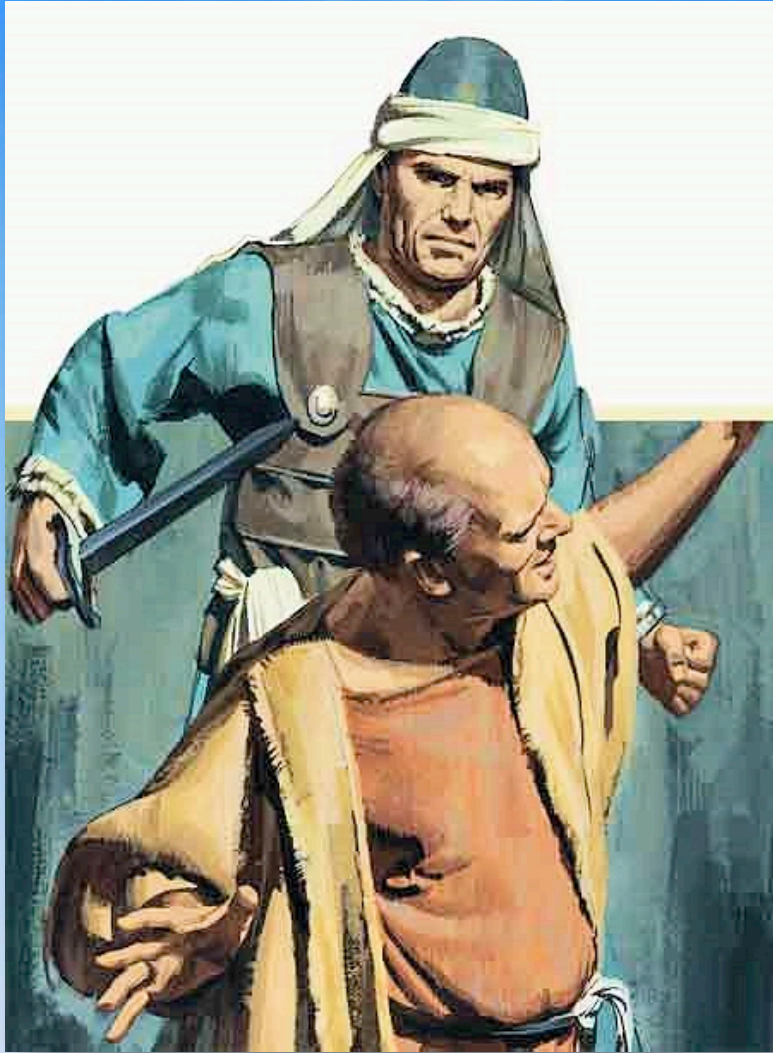
7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

(Covenantal).
prayer(supplications) and fasting



- Matthew 6:9 ¶After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.....14 **For if ye forgive men their trespasses**, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

(Covenantal).
prayer(supplications) and fasting



- Acts 12:1 ¶Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.
- 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
- 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

(Covenantal).

Prayer(supplications) and fasting



- Acts 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
- 5 ¶Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

(Covenantal).

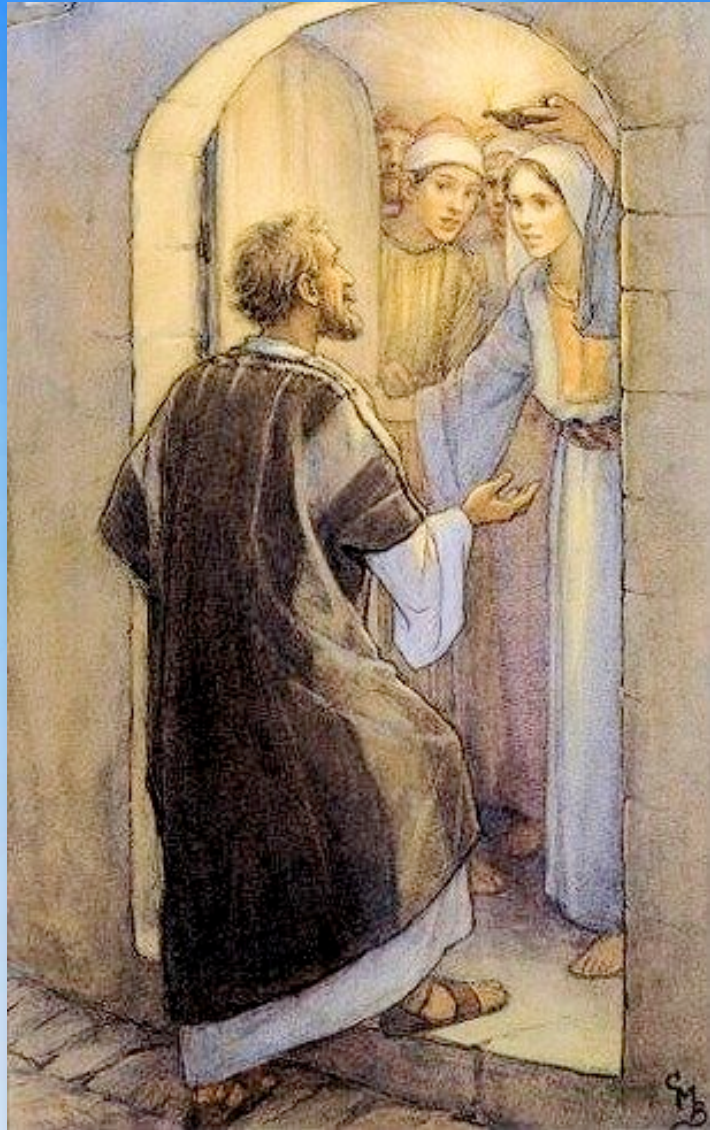
prayer(supplications) and fasting



- Acts 12:6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
- 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, **Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.**

(Covenantal).

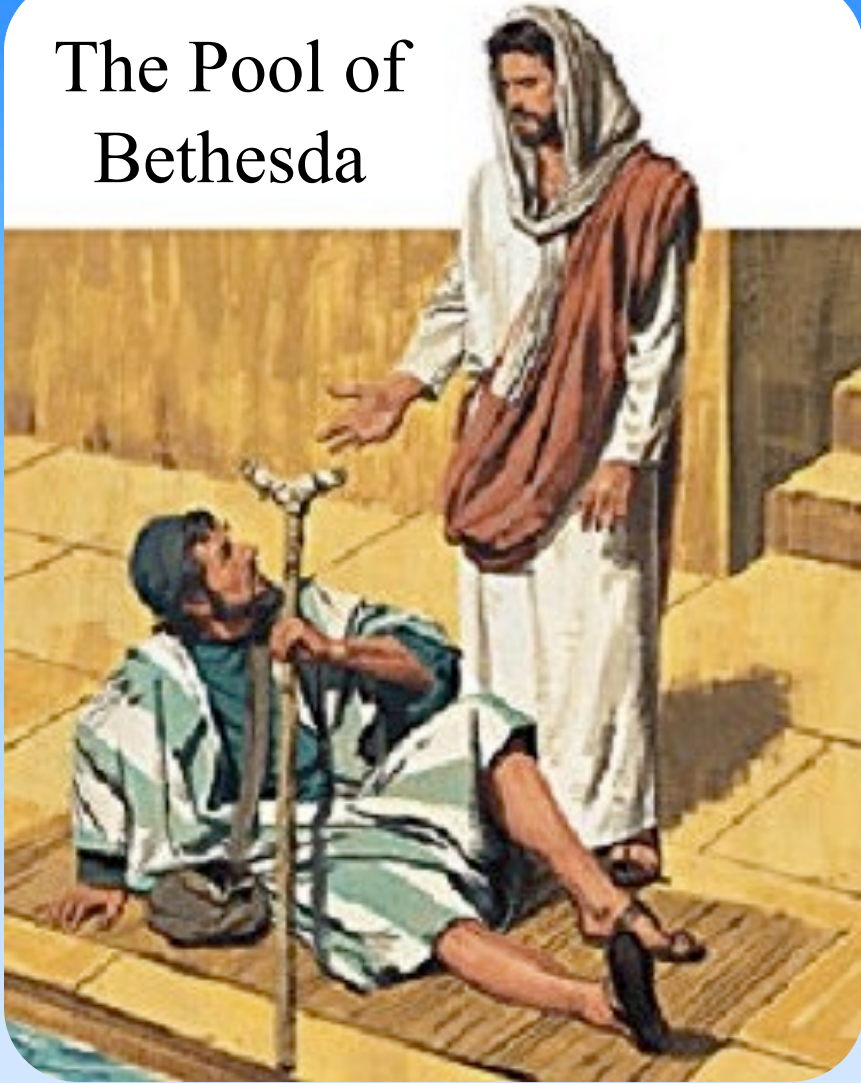
prayer(supplications) and fasting



- Acts 12:11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
- 12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; **where many were gathered together praying.**
- 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

The Sovereigns choice (the direct gift)!

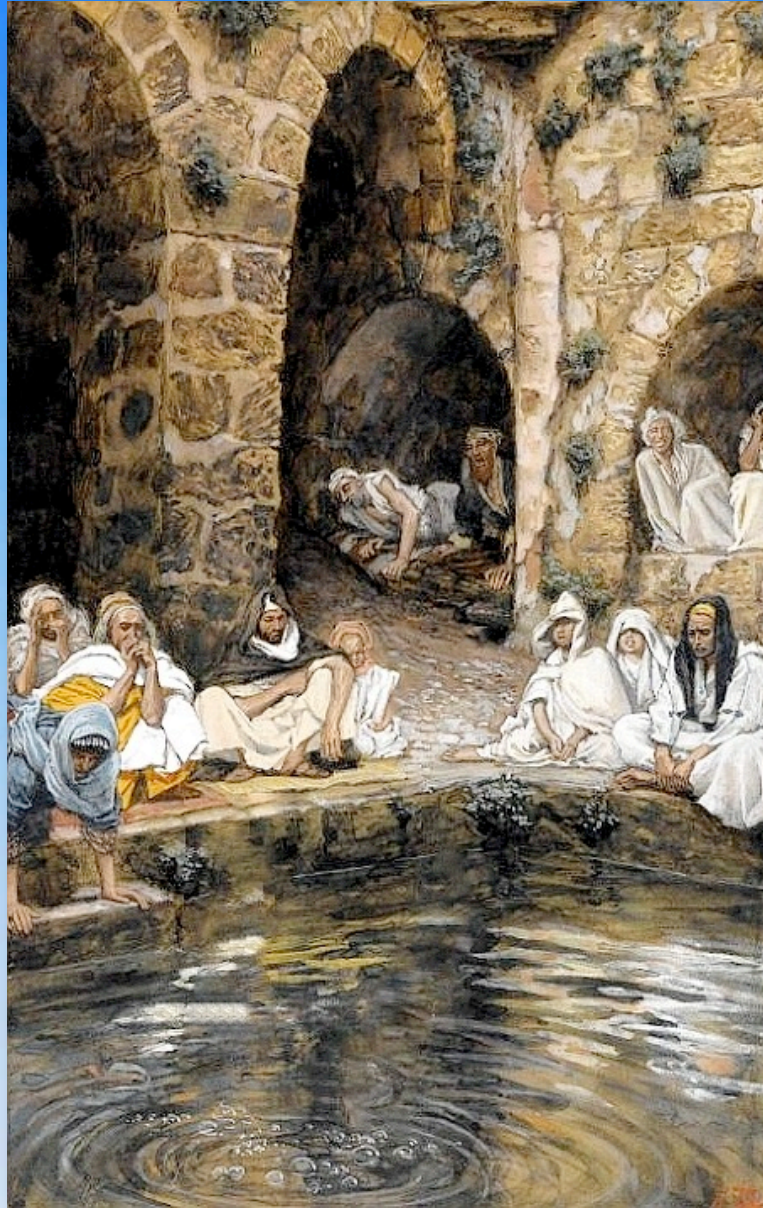
The Pool of
Bethesda



Romans 9:15 For he saith to Moses,
I will have mercy on whom I will
have mercy, and I will have
compassion on whom I will have
compassion.

16 So then it is not of him that
willeth,(Inward Desire) nor of him
that runneth(active effort), but of
God that sheweth mercy.

The Sovereigns choice (The direct Gift)!



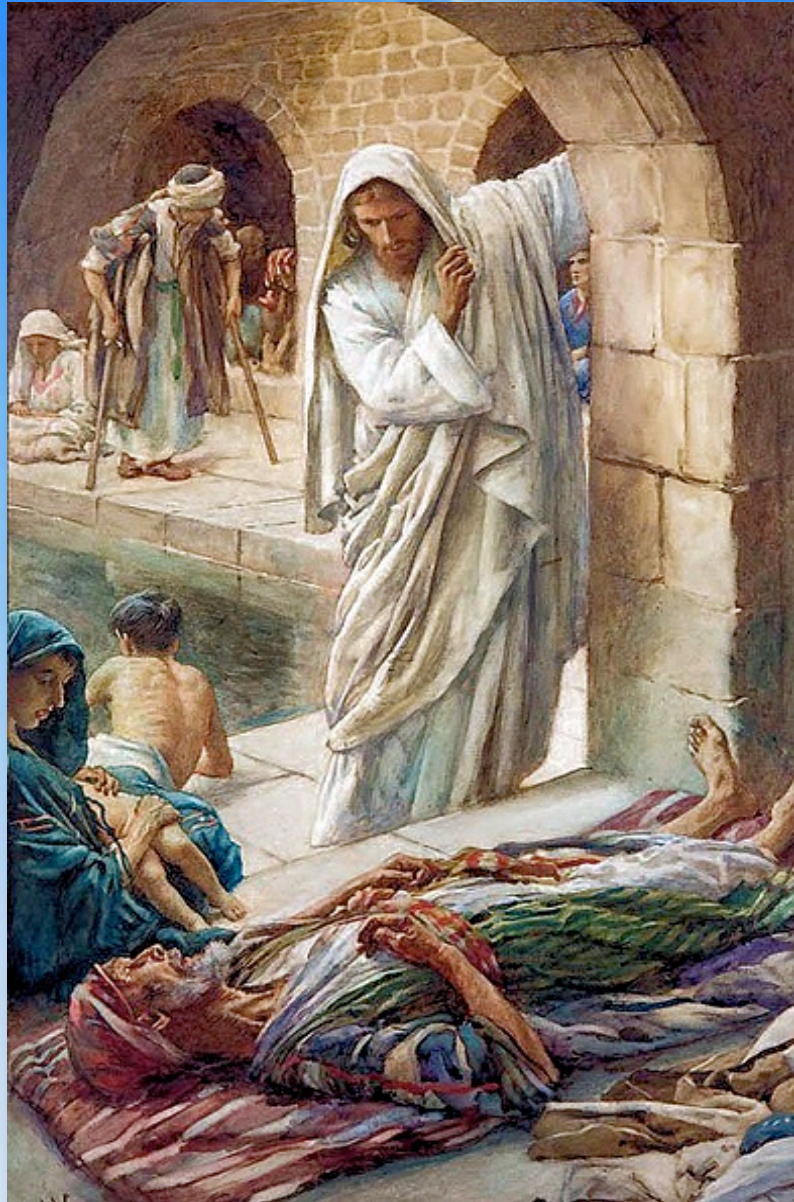
- John 5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these **lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered,** waiting for the moving of the water

Bethesda having FIVE porches!



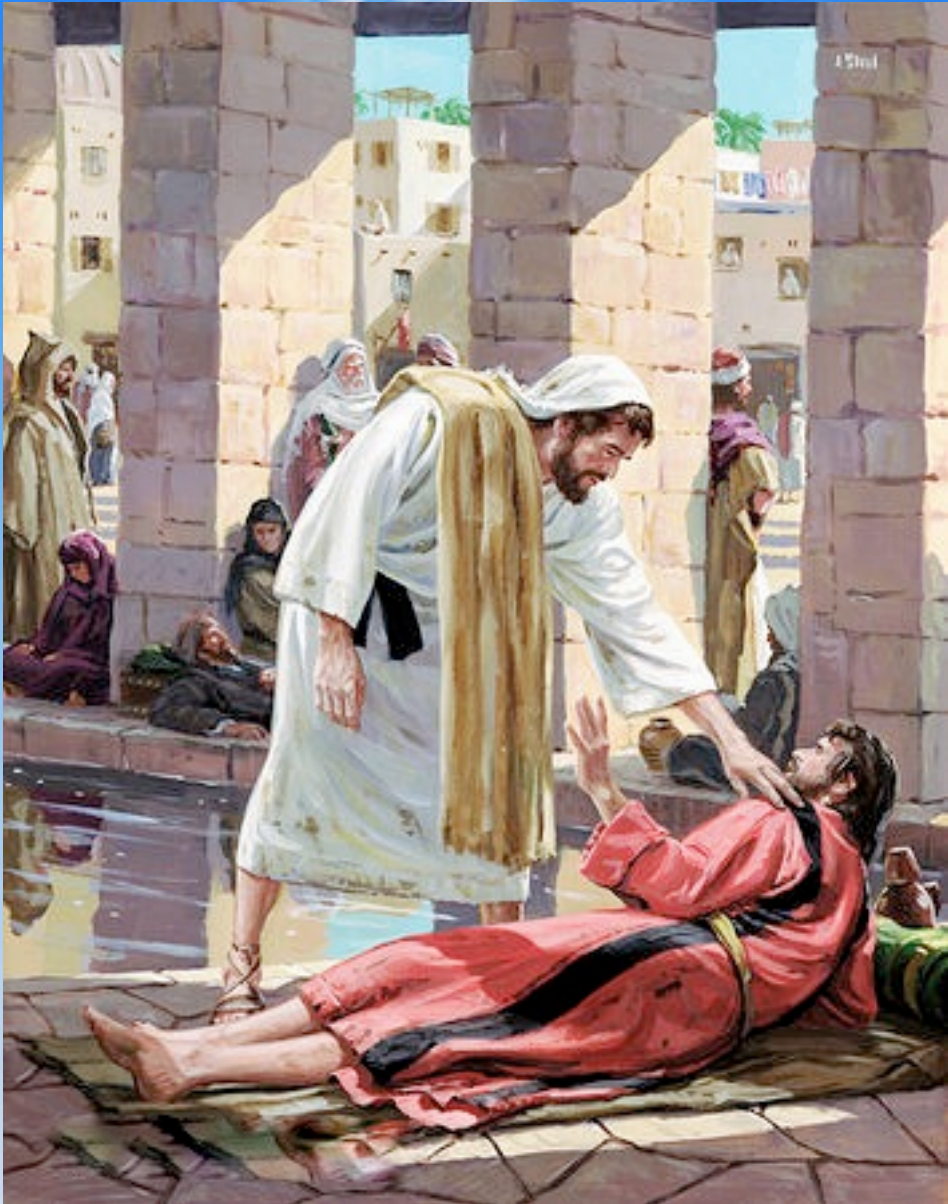
- 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
- 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, **Wilt thou be made whole?**

Bethesda → “The House of Mercy”!



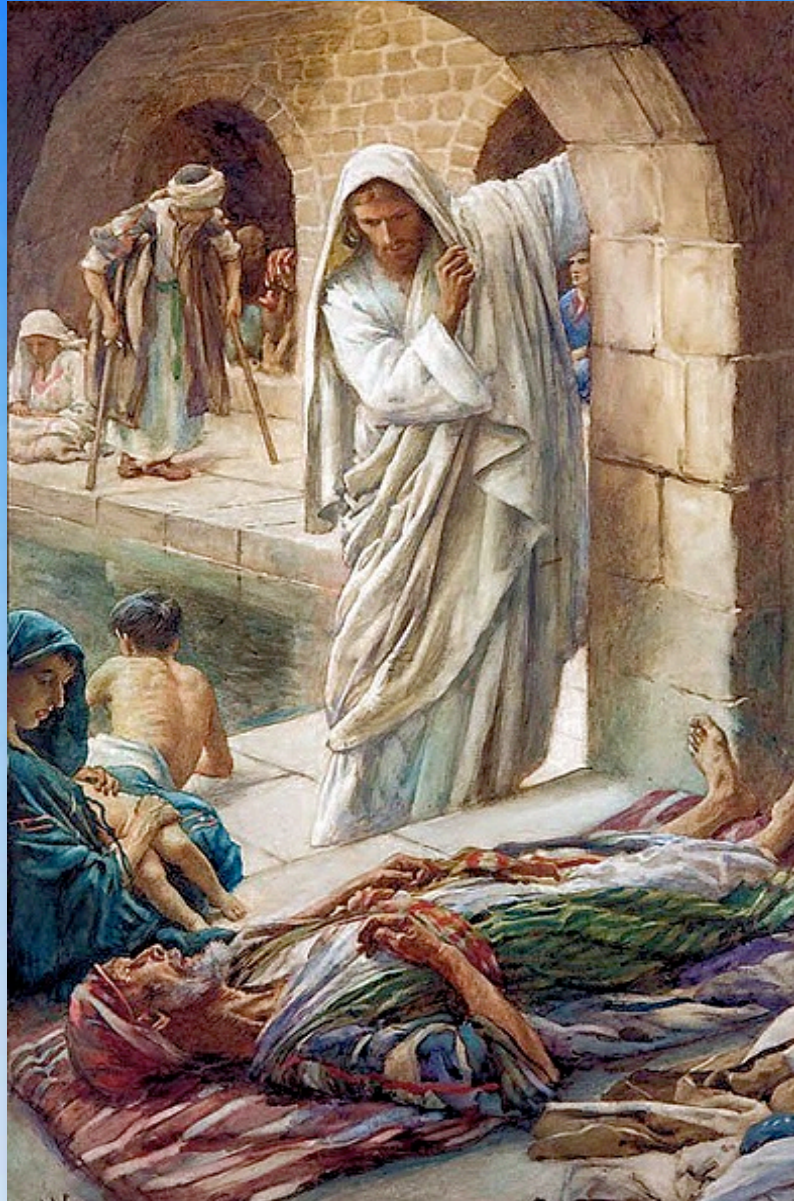
- 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
- 8 Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

Bethesda having FIVE porches!



- John 5:9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.
- 10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

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The Indirect Gifts



Ephesians 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Corinthians 12:1 ¶Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

A Gift has no conditions!

The Indirect Channel



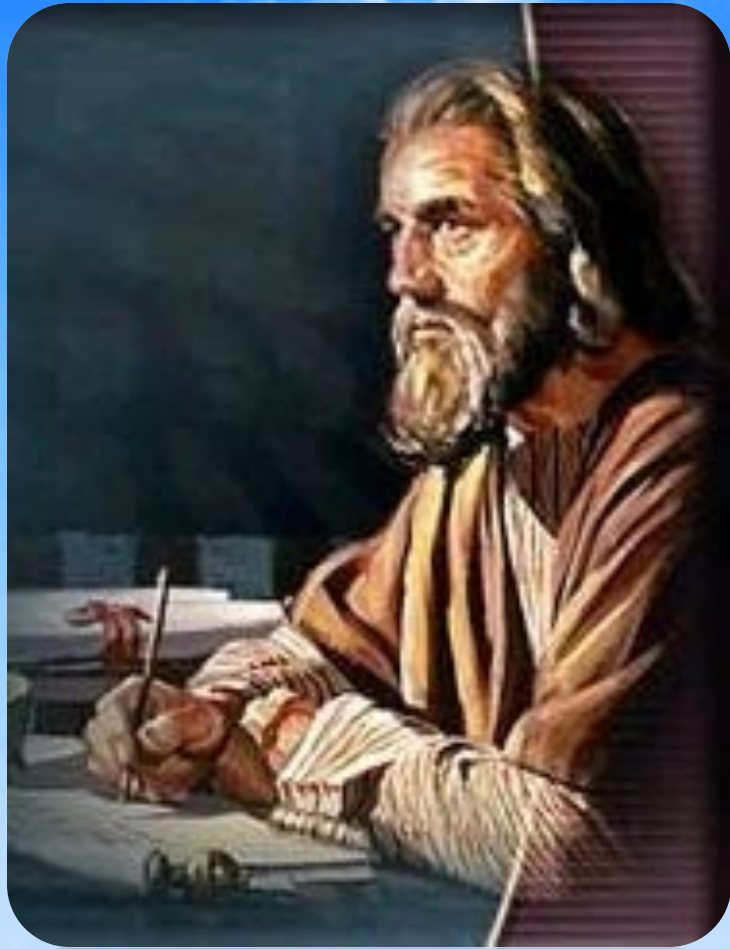
- Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God **are without repentance.**
- Acts 21:10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.
- 11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

Magnifying the Gift instead of God



- Matthew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?**
- 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

Spiritual Sufficiency!



Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.**

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.