Faith in Jesus Brings Remarkable Things

"One day as He was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick some men came carrying a paralytic man on a mat and tried to him to into the house to lay before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone? Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins…." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Every one was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." (Luke 5:17-26)

Grace and peace to you, from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We have the joy to write to you what has been revealed to us, the grace through believing in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us by His blood on the cross that was shed for the sins of the world. Indeed His death on the cross has opened the door to change our lives from living in darkness to living in the light of God. He has transformed us into new people who fear God, who knows His ways and acknowledge Him as personal Saviour and Lord. He has made us holy and our lives whole. He fulfilled what he said, *"I have come that they may have life, and to have it to the full."* Truly He made our \joy complete, and for these reasons we write to you sharing with you His blessings:

1) <u>*Jesus has the power of God to heal the sick*</u>*:* In the miracle mentioned above, Jesus said to the paralytic man, *"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."* Jesus cannot only heal the simple diseases but even that most complicated and dangerous sickness. The Bible says: *"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about Him spread all over Syria, and the people brought to Him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and He healed them." (Matthew 4:23-24)* Jesus does not only give physical healing; He gives inner spiritual healing. There are many illnesses of the mind like anxiety, fear, doubt,

depression, lack of confidence and many more. Jesus heals all these illnesses and He changes the inner being of men. He removes form their hearts the things that are destructive in nature, and He builds them into a new creation. The word of God says, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)* Believing in Jesus and having faith in Him can change personality and attitude. Jesus can make you a joyful person, calm and at peace in whatever circumstances, loving to all people, welcoming others, forgiving, ready to help, planning and doing good and not evil. Jesus enables you to love others and to treat them as how you want them to treat you. Until your inner healing form Jesus brings you satisfaction, contentment, real peace and fullness of joy.

2) <u>*Jesus has the authority to forgive sin:*</u> Sin in the life of man brings him destruction. In the miracle, the paralytic man was sinful. If you are having sins like anger, envy, jealousy, pride, or you have lust and greed for immoral things – these make you an ineffective person, non-productive like the paralytic man Jesus healed. The penalty of sin is death. And no one, no-man can pay back to God his wrong doings. Whatever good things you do, still you cannot pay for your sins. Jesus Christ paid the price for all the world's sins. He paid the price for your sins on the cross when He died for you. His sacrifices were accepted as payment for sins because Jesus Christ is without sin.

3) <u>*Who can forgive sins but God alone:*</u> Jesus is the image of the invisible God; He is God. This is the reason Jesus can heal sickness. He can change the life of the people. He can change their attitudes and personalities. Jesus can transform you, making you new people to do His will and walk in His ways. Jesus can forgive your sins and purify you, to bring you back to live a life away from sins. Jesus can do all this because He is God. But how should you start your life with Jesus? You need to have faith in Him. The Bible says, *"The righteous will live by faith."*

My dear and beloved: Those men who carried the paralytic man to Jesus to heal him they had faith in Jesus, and that faith was the initiative for the remarkable thing they saw. Now, to you my beloved, have faith in Jesus. Bring first yourself into His hand and then whatever you find difficult for you to deal with He will do it for you as you pray for the depth of your heart:

"Heavenly Father, I come before you ion the name of Jesus who died on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord, forgive my sins I pray. I have faith in you, Lord Jesus. Today I open my heart to you. Please come and take my burden away, and do, O lord, remarkable things in my life. For You, Lord Jesus alone is my Savior and my God. Thank You, Father God. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen!"