

## ***THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD JESUS***

***“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” (John 14:12-14)***

Jesus, the Son of God came to earth to save the people who are living a difficult and sad life –a life of sin. He came to deliver people out from misery, anxiety, depression, a heart full of anger and evil plans, a revengeful mind –full of evil thoughts. Jesus came to this world to create a new man. By the Spirit of God a man is born anew, leaving his old self, and begin to walk a Christ-liked way of life. Jesus suffered and died on the cross to pay the price of the sins of the people. He was raised from the dead to demonstrate that whoever believes in Him even they die they will live again and inherit eternal life. To those who believe in Jesus, they receive the Spirit of God and they become new creation.

The believer in Jesus, born in the Spirit of God, is a new creation. His attitudes and actions are subject to changes: his anger, envy, greed to possession and power, his manipulative personality or desire to control people – are change into a peace-loving attitude and humble spirit. His relation with God and with people around becomes joyful. In his heart is to love God and the people around him from his family, relatives, friends, neighbours, and even to love his enemy is his ultimate goal.

The new man who is born again by the Spirit of God is faithful to God and to the people around him. He perseveres to do good work according to God’s will, and he is patient to stand firm in faith through life’s trials and hardships. This is because the Spirit of God gives inner joy, strength, and peace; and grants healing to the bad effects of sin. He receives emotional healing from any conflict, problem or sin, which is called spiritual healing of the believer in Jesus. The spiritual healing even promotes his physical well-being, his immunity improves and his physical illness is even healed. This is a great miraculous work of Jesus in the life of any one who believes in Him and who decides to follow Him. Jesus promised that those who have faith in Him, can do greater work, and signs and wonders accompany them because He will do whatever they ask in His name to give glory to God the Father.

***Testimony 1:*** Leila, a 46 years old Sri Lankan lady received Jesus as her Saviour and accepted Him as her Lord. She was suffering from mouth ulcer of long duration that was suspected to be a cancer. The church who was taking care of her was willing to pay for her treatment and presented her to a doctor who is in the same church. While waiting for the treatment plan, the pastors, the doctor and the whole congregation prayed to Jesus for the lady’s healing. Five days after the 1<sup>st</sup> check, the doctor re-

examined Leila’s mouth and found no more lesion. Jesus healed her completely without any surgical intervention.

***Testimony 2:*** Sunita, a new believer in Jesus, had a quarrel with her husband. With anger in her heart toward her husband, she injured her hand with a knife. The wound was deep, the bleeding was severe, and her family brought her to the hospital. A surgeon dealt with the wound and sutured it. But after that, they discovered that she could not move her hand because many tendons were cut. She was in need for another expensive surgery which they could not afford. There was no easy way to do the surgery with a reasonable charge, and even the capable doctor apologized for he would not do the surgical repair outside the operation theatre of the hospital. During that time of waiting upon a doctor who can repair and upon the financial provision, Sunita repented from her sin of anger. The Lord humbled her. She prayed for healing and many of the brothers and sisters prayed for her. There was no feasible way to do the surgery. But ultimately, The Lord healed her and restored her hand to move again. She built in her heart faith, peace, temperance and self-control. Her trial was hard but God created in her a new life – a new woman with fear, love and faithfulness in the heart toward God, her husband and toward her own life.

***Testimony 3:*** Jedaida, a 10 years old girl who loves Jesus and always prays to Him, developed a nodule in her foot. Her parents became anxious and showed her to the doctor after the church meeting. They prayed and asked Jesus for her healing, and after over a week her foot was healed without medication.

***My dear and beloved:*** The Bible is full with miraculous healing of many kinds of diseases, infirmities, including victory over death. Jesus healed many physical, illnesses and His disciples were also given authority to heal in His Name. God was with us in human likeness when Jesus came from heaven to die for us. Since we receive the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, the Spirit that lives in us is the Spirit of God. God the Father and Jesus the Son are always in agreement. Jesus said, ***“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”*** In the name of Jesus who is God sicknesses are healed and miracles are preformed. Believing in Jesus and following Him we would in real intimacy with God; in fact we are united in Him. The Spirit of God that dwells in us molds our will and builds our faith that God the Father is listening to our prayers and petitions in the name of Jesus. God grants the request uttered by a believer in Jesus’ name. This is the goodness of the Lord Jesus.

*“Father God in heaven, I come to You in the name of Jesus who died on the cross to give me eternal life. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the new life that I have in you. Thank you for the healing grace that I received from you. Help me Lord to express my faith by telling other people about your healing touch, your goodness and faithfulness to me. This is my name in Jesus’ name, Amen.”*