

# The Need of the Impotent – Life's Enlivening

## (John 5)

### Background

#### Life Meeting the Need of Man's Every Case:

- The Need of the Moral – Life's Regenerating (John 3)
- The Need of the Immoral – Life's Satisfying (John 4)

## John 5:1-2

- 1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the sheepgate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

## Luke 24:44

44 And He said to them, These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms concerning Me must be fulfilled.

## John 5:3-5

- 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
- 4 For an angel went down from time to time in the pool and stirred up the water; the first then to step in after the stirring up of the water was made well of whatever disease he was being held by.
- 5 And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness.

## Rom. 7:17, 19

**17** Now then it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.

**19** For I do not do the good which I will; but the evil which I do not will, this I practice.

## Gal. 3:21

**21** Is then the law against the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given which was able to give life, righteousness would have indeed been of law.

## John 5:25

25 Truly, truly, I say to you, An hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

## Eph. 2:1

1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,

## John 5:6-8

- 6 When Jesus saw this one lying there and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, Do you want to get well?
- 7 The sick man answered Him, Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.
- 8 Jesus said to him, Rise, take up your mat and walk.

## John 6:63

- 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

## John 5:9

9 And immediately the man became well, and he took up his mat and walked. Now it was the Sabbath on that day;



## John 5:10-13, 15

- 10 Therefore the Jews said to the one who had been healed, It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your mat.
- 11 But he answered them, He who made me well, that One said to me, Take up your mat and walk.
- 12 They asked him, Who is the man who said to you, Take up your mat and walk?
- 13 But he who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, there being a crowd in that place.
- 15 The man went away and told the Jews that Jesus was the One who made him well.

## John 5:16

16 And because of this the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him, because He did these things on the Sabbath.

## John 5:39-40

**39** You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.

**40** Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.