

Wilt Thou be Made Whole?

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I. Introduction.

A. There are many churches that are impotent and are waiting to bear fruit.

B. It is a ridiculous question to ask whether one wants to be made whole who has been helpless for a long time unless he meant something else. Jesus challenged the man if he really wanted to be helped.

C. God is not interested in patching up humanity—he wants to make them whole.

D. We cannot make ourselves whole.

II. Jesus can make you fit for heaven and fit for earth.

III. We can get involved with Christ by meeting him at the cross where everyone has been made fit for heaven.

IV. We can get involved with Christ by meeting him through his life. (Romans 5:10, 8:9)

A. God never saved anyone to be a failure.

B. Saving us for our sins makes us right for heaven, but this is not the only goal.

C. We need to be made whole, which is completeness in Christ.

D. Satan will give us negative thoughts about making Jesus Lord of our lives, but Jesus will never take something good from us when we make him Lord that will not be replaced.

V. Two men and two bottles. (Jeremiah 17)

A. The human nature (the deceitful heart) is fallen and all it can do is slip. (Romans 6)

B. We need to yield to God.

C. We need to picture ourselves as clay whom God will form as he desires.

1. The clay must be soft.

2. The Potter's hands must always be on the clay.

3. The wheel always must be moving (we must always be moving).

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be made whole in Christ?

2. What are the two ways God meets us? How do they relate to each other?

3. How can we be fully shaped and molded by God? Explain.
