

**THEY THAT ARE WHOLE HAVE
NO NEED OF THE PHYSICIAN
MARK 2:13-17; LUKE 5:27-32**

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Introduction:

We have the account of a man who had managed to accumulate a considerable amount of wealth, no doubt by oppression. Yet with all he had he was still empty inside.

His wealth couldn't buy him peace, however he was about to be visited the Prince of Peace.

Notice:

1. LEVI'S CALL AND CONVERSION (MARK 2:14, LUKE 5:27)

Mark 2:14

¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

Luke 5:27

²⁷ And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

Had we seen this man, in this situation, I don't doubt that most, if not all, of us would have said, "There's a man consumed with the world," and passed by, assuming that he would never come to Christ.

I remind us today that none are too wicked, too hardened, too worldly, too lost to be saved by Christ.

No sins are too bad, too vile, too many to be forgiven.

No heart is so dead, so corrupt, so consumed with the world that Christ cannot save.

2. LEVI'S CELEBRATION (LUKE 5:29)

Luke 5:29

²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

This was a feast celebration his call and conversion.

Levi rejoiced in his salvation.

No doubt some of his friends looked upon his conversion as a thing to be pitied.

There is not a higher day, a day to be celebrated a day more to be remembered than the day of salvation.

3. LEVI'S CONCERN (MARK 2:15, LUKE 5:29)

Mark 2:15

¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

Luke 5:29

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Levi, converted and saved by the grace of God, was concerned for the souls of others.

He wanted others to be converted and saved by grace.

So when he made this feast, he invited a great company of publicans and others to come.

He knew what their souls needed and did what he could to meet the need.

A. He made a great effort and expense to get his lost friends in contact with the Lord.

Converted souls are never content to go to heaven alone.

The earthly, and material sacrifice made by Levi in following Christ probably exceeded those made by any of the other disciples.

B. Having received mercy and grace, we should make it our business to show others the mercy, love and the grace of God

You maybe asking what can I do?

- As the Samaritan woman said to the men of the city, you can say to those around you, "Come see a man who told me all things that ever I did. Is not this the Christ?"
- You can say to your family what Andrew said to his brother, Peter, "We have found the Christ."

4. LORD'S CRITICS (MARK 2:16, LUKE 5:31-32)

Mark 2:16

¹⁶ And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

Luke 5:31-32

³¹ And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. ³² I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Remember there will always be those who will find fault with what you do.

5. LORD'S CLARIFICATION (MARK 2:17 LUKE 5:31)

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- A. Christ came to call sinners to repentance
- B. Every sinner who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.