

Luke 17:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Jesus' pronouncement: 'And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.' Jesus tells him 'Arise, go thy way' (ἀναστὰς πορεύου, *anastas poreuou*)—you may leave. Then the crucial statement: 'thy faith hath made thee whole' (ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε, *hē pistis sou sesōken se*). The verb 'sesōken' (σέσωκέν, perfect tense of *sōzō*) means saved, healed, made whole—comprehensive restoration. All ten were healed (v. 14), but only this one was 'made whole.' The difference: he returned in faith and gratitude. Physical healing without spiritual transformation is incomplete. True wholeness requires recognizing Jesus as Lord, not merely miracle-worker. The nine received temporal healing; this one received eternal salvation. Ingratitude reveals incomplete faith.

Historical Context

The perfect tense 'has saved you' indicates completed action with ongoing results—this Samaritan stands in a state of complete salvation. Jesus attributes this not to His power (though He performed the miracle) but to the man's faith—not the faith that merely cried for healing (all ten had that) but faith that returned to worship and thank Jesus. This illustrates the difference between receiving God's blessings and knowing God Himself. Many seek God for benefits without desiring God. The nine wanted healing; this one wanted Jesus. The passage challenges professed Christians to examine whether they love Jesus or merely His benefits—salvation, prosperity, answered prayer, eternal life. True saving faith treasures Christ Himself above all His gifts.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What's the difference between the physical healing all ten received and the wholeness this one received?
2. How does returning to thank Jesus distinguish genuine saving faith from mere desire for benefits?
3. Do you love Jesus primarily for who He is or for what He gives you?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	εἶπεν	αὐτῷ	Ἀναστὰς	πορεύου·	ἡ	πίστις	σου
And	he said	unto him	Arise	go thy way	G3588	faith	thy
G2532	G2036	G846	G450	G4198		G4102	G4675
σέσωκέν	σε						
hath made	thee						
G4982	G4571						

Additional Cross-References

Mark 10:52 (Faith): And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 5:34 (Faith): And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Luke 8:48 (Faith): And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Luke 7:50 (Faith): And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Matthew 9:22 (Faith): But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Luke 18:42 (Faith): And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

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