

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

WATER BAPTISM 2

How many lives has **penicillin** saved?

Over 200 million lives

In 1928, at St. Mary's Hospital, London, Alexander Fleming **discovered penicillin**. This discovery led to the introduction of antibiotics that greatly reduced the number of deaths from infection.

Sir Alexander Fleming, Ernst Boris Chain, and Sir Howard Walter Florey shared the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for **the discovery of penicillin** and its ability to treat a variety of infectious ailments.

Today, **penicillin**, considered the first wonder drug, is used to treat throat infections, meningitis, syphilis and other bacterial infections.

Discovered by chance nearly 100 years ago in a London laboratory, it's been used clinically for over 75 years and is still widely prescribed to treat certain types of bacterial infections, including pneumonia, STDs, and more. Every year, thousands of children died of infectious diseases like pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Before antibiotics, infant mortality – deaths of children before their first birthday – was around one in 20. It is now 3.5 deaths per 1000 live births, an astonishing improvement partly due to the discovery of antibiotics.

Prior to the beginning of the 20th Century, infectious diseases accounted for high morbidity and mortality worldwide. The average life expectancy at birth was 47 years (46 and 48 years for men and women respectively) even in the industrialized world. Infectious diseases such as smallpox, cholera, diphtheria, pneumonia, typhoid fever, plaque, tuberculosis, typhus, syphilis, etc. were rampant.

THE DISCOVERY OF PENICILLIN WAS CONSIDERED GOOD NEWS!!!

ACCORDING TO THE COMMAND OF JESUS THE GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD.

ACCORDING TO JESUS THOSE THAT BELIEVE THE GOSPEL AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED.

THEREFORE, THE GOSPEL IS ESSENTIAL FOR **WATER BAPTISM** AND SALVATION.

THE DEFINITION OF **GOSPEL** - a *good message, good news*

WHAT DOES THE "GOSPEL" MEAN ACCORDING TO JESUS:

- The tidings of salvation.
- The assurance that the Messiah has come, and that sin may be forgiven and the soul saved.

BELIEF IN THE GOSPEL IS A PREREQUISITE FOR WATER BAPTISM.

The gospel to believe is:

- **The divine nature of Jesus**

Mark 1:1 KJV The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

- The virgin birth of Jesus
- The life on earth of Jesus
- The sacrificial death of Jesus
- The resurrection of Jesus
- The ascension into heaven of Jesus

The gospel to believe is:

- The work of Christ in eternity before creation
- The work of Christ while in the earth
- The work of Christ, after His resurrection, in glory
- The work of Christ when He returns for His kingdom.

The gospel to believe is:

- Jesus Christ is our King.
- Jesus Christ is our deliverer.
- Jesus Christ is our redeemer.

Colossians 1:13-14 KJV Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

- Jesus Christ is our advocate.

1 John 2:1 KJV My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Advocate – intercessor, to defend someone

- Jesus speak on our behalf before the Father in heaven.
- Jesus defends us against all the accusations of the Devil.

The gospel to believe is:

- The gospel of the grace of GOD thru Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:24 KJV But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify **the gospel of the grace of God.**

Grace of GOD - God is merciful, and that his favor may be made available to sinners.

- Thru Jesus we have access to GOD's kindness which we don't deserve.
- Thru Jesus we are adopted into the family of GOD.
- The gospel of salvation thru Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:16 KJV For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- The life of Jesus made him acceptable to be our savior.
- The death of Jesus made Him acceptable to pay our debt for sin.
- The resurrection of Jesus qualified Him to deliver us from the power of death.
- The gospel of GOD's judgment thru Jesus Christ

Romans 2:16 KJV In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

- Jesus will judge the Saints for their works for Him.
- Jesus will judge the sinners for their rejection of Him as Savior.
- The gospel is a blessing thru Jesus Christ

Romans 15:29 KJV And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

- Jesus give His followers the rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus lavishes the love of the Father upon all His followers.