

***“DO YOU WISH TO GET WELL”* . . .
Religion or Gospel?”***

John 5:1 – 18

1. *“DO YOU WISH TO GET WELL?”** 1 – 6
2. *“GET UP, PICK UP YOUR PALLET AND WALK”** 7 – 9
3. *IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE ON THE SABBATH* 10 – 13
4. *“DO NOT SIN ANYMORE”** 14
5. *THE RELIGIOUS WERE PERSECUTING JESUS* 15, 16
6. *“MY FATHER IS WORKING . . . AND I MYSELF AM WORKING”* 17, 18

In this third sign Jesus reveals His omnipotence in healing the lame man.

It is curious that Jesus asked if he wished to get well.

It is also curious that the religious leaders asked “Who said pick up your pallet,” rather than “Who healed you.” They focused on a supposed violation of the Sabbath, rather than on a wonderful act of mercy and refreshment. In their mistaken “zeal” for the Law and Sabbath, it appears they forgot that the Sabbath was given for man’s benefit, to rest and to refresh.*

Ironically religion can be different than the gospel (Romans 9:32 – 10:4; Colossians 2:20), and religious people can be persecutors of gospel believers (Galatians 4:29).

Jesus makes Himself equal with God; and states that as the Father is working, so is He.

**Scripture quotations from the NASB.*