



## Midweek Meditation



*“Those who are well have no need of a physician,  
but those who are sick (do).” Matthew 9:13*

*Christ says: “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Mark 2:17). But if the Law is removed, sin is removed; if sin is removed, Christ is removed, so that there is no use for Him. Nor would death be of any great importance if sin were removed. Therefore, if Christ is to remain the Savior, it is necessary for me to remain a sinner, the prey of death and the devil. These truths must remain and stand together. If one is removed, both perish. **Martin Luther***

Men are notorious for refusing to visit their physician. Perhaps we see it as a sign of weakness--having to go to the doctor's office. Sometimes it takes an act of God to get men to go. Severe chest pains, or an infection on the brink of becoming gangrene, and the like, may be the only things that drive men to their doctor.

The same is true in a spiritual sense. Men typically, but also women, need an act of God to get them to church. Perhaps here, too, they see it as a sign of weakness. Thank God, therefore, that He allows us to become weak so that we see our need for our Great Physician! The only thing good about my sinfulness is that it regularly drives me to my Savior. What's good about living in this vale of tears is when our troubles overwhelm us to the point that we are driven to church where Jesus gives Himself fully to us. What's good about knowing I will die is that I have the continual desire to receive my Lord who is the Resurrection and the Life.

*Lord Jesus, you are the Savior of sinners. Keep me always mindful of my utter sinfulness so that I am always eager to receive the gifts of Your grace and forgiveness. Amen.*