

THE BALM OF GILEAD

“Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?”

--Jeremiah 8:22--

OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

BALM OF GILEAD?

WHY WAS THE BALM NEEDED?

WHAT IS OUR BALM?

CONCLUSION

INVITATION



INTRODUCTION

- THERE IS AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF PILLS, POWDERS, AND POTIONS TO HEAL JUST ABOUT ANY CONDITION.
- “JUST ORDER IT FROM AMAZON.”

WHAT WAS THE “BALM OF GILEAD?”

Genesis 37:25

Genesis 43:11

Uses:

Antiseptic

Anti-inflammatory

Pain reliever



WHY WAS
THE BALM
NEEDED?

- **Isaiah 59:2-** Our iniquities separate us from God. Our sins hide God's face from us.
- **Romans 3:10-** None are righteous.
- **1 John 1:8, 10** Sin is deceptive.

EXAMPLE

Revelation 3:16-17

- As a result of their sins, the church at Laodicea was complacent (v.16), arrogant (v.17), and prideful (v.17).

- Isaiah 1:6

WHY WAS
THE BALM
NEEDED?

WHAT IS OUR BALM?

Jeremiah 46:11 - “...use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.”

Jeremiah 8:22 - The balm of Gilead is symbolic of God’s healing forgiveness.

Forgiveness

WHAT IS OUR BALM?

Jesus Christ is the balm for our
souls, **Matthew 1:21.**

1 Peter 2:24- “...by whose
stripes ye were healed.”

Matthew 10:1- “...heal all manner
of sickness/diseases.”

Mark 3:5- “restored”

Forgiveness

WHAT IS OUR BALM?

the word
of GOD

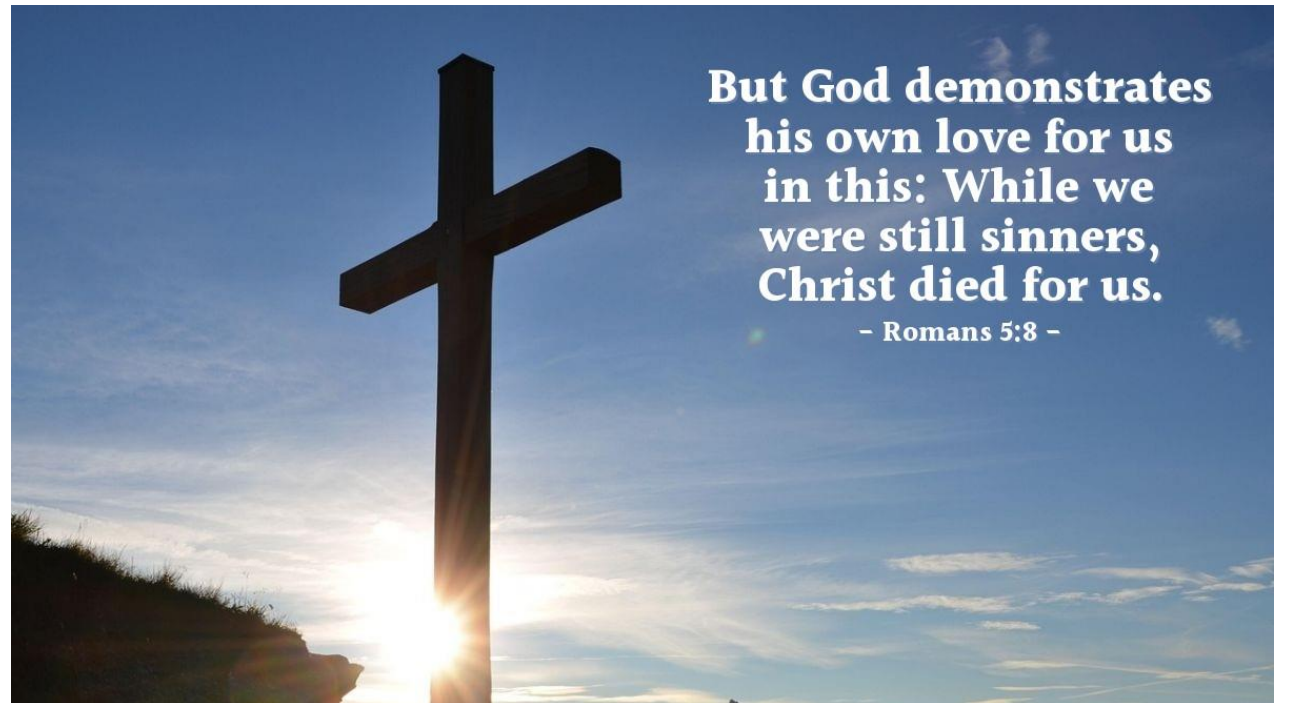
God's word is the balm for our
lives, **Romans 6:17.**

1 Timothy 4:6- God's word (good
doctrine) nourishes us.

Psalms 147:3- heal/bind/comfort

CONCLUSION

“If you can’t sing like angels; if you can’t preach like Paul, then tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.”



INVITATION



Obeyed the Gospel?

Hear the word

Believe the word

Repent of sin

Confess Christ

Submit to baptism

Need to Return to Christ?

Repent your sin

Confess sin to God

Pray forgiveness of sin

Live faithfully