JOHN 5; September 15; The Only Source of Eternal Life

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1. Why were many sick people at the pool called Bethesda in Jerusalem?
2. For what two reasons did the Jews seek to kill Jesus after He healed the man at the pool?
3. According to this chapter, who determines who will be quickened, that is, given eternal life?
4. What was the greater witness than John, that the Father had sent Jesus?
5. What did Jesus challenge the Jews to search which testified of Him?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Seven of Jesus' 35 miracles were performed on the Sabbath day. [1] A demoniac delivered -- Mk 1:21-27 the people were amazed. [2] Peter's mother-in-law raised up -- Mk 1:29-32 and she ministered to them. [3] An impotent man healed after 38 years -- John 5:1-16 the Jews sought to slay Jesus. [4] The withered hand made whole -- Mk 3:1-6 Jesus is angry when they would not answer Him about doing good on the Sabbath and they sought to destroy Him. [5] The woman bound 18 years is able to stand -- Lu 13:10-17 the ruler of the synagogue rebukes Jesus for healing on the Sabbath, all his adversaries were ashamed. [6] Man with dropsy healed -- Lu 14:1-6 again they would not answer Him about doing good on the Sabbath. [7] Man born blind given sight -- Jo 9:1-14 the Jews asked many, many questions trying to explain away the miracle. Even witnessing miracles did not produce repentance, a quickened heart or bring humble faith in the non-elect Jews of Jesus day. Eternal life results when Jesus speaks to that soul!

Let us glory in the matchless power of our Savior! These miracles show that our Lord is able to heal bodies of all kinds of problems. Let us trust him to heal the souls of those we care about. He only can speak life into their spiritually dead souls (Jo 5:21)!

HELP:

- 1. Because an angel at a certain season would trouble the water, and whoever first stepped in would be healed (v 4).
- 2. Because Jesus healed on the Sabbath day, and also Jesus called God His Father which they understood made Him equal with God and they refused to believe that (vs 16-18).
- 3. The Son, or the Father and the Son (v 21).
- 4. The works (including the miracles of all kinds) that Jesus did (v 36).
- 5. The scriptures [this being the Old Testament] (v 39).