

God Causes His People To See Their Disease And Remedy

"He opened their minds—so they could understand the Scriptures." Luke 24:45

When God opens the eyes of our understanding, we begin to see everything around us to be just as the Scripture has described them. Then, and not until then, we perceive, that what we read in the Bible concerning the horrid evil of sin, the vileness of our fallen nature, the darkness and ignorance of those who know not God, our own emptiness, and the impossibility of finding relief and comfort from creatures—is exactly true.

And as we find our *disease* precisely described—so we perceive a suitability in the proposed *remedy*.

We need a SAVIOR, and He must be a mighty one. And though our needs and sins, our fears and enemies, are great and numerous—we are convinced that the character of Jesus is sufficient to answer them all.

We need a REST, a rest which the world cannot give. Inquire where we will among the *creatures*, experience brings in the same answer from all, "*It is not in me!*" This again confirms the Word of God, which has forewarned us that we shall meet nothing but disappointment in such worldly pursuits. But there is a spiritual rest spoken of, which we know to be the very thing we need, and all our remaining solicitude is how to attain it.

"Come to Me, all of you who are weary and heavy burdened—and I will give you rest!" Matthew 11:28

-John Newton