Gracestoration Update

"Restoring People in God's Grace and Making Disciplers"

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The Phenomenon of the Walk-in Health Clinic --

Many **emergency medical health walk-in clinics** are emerging all over the greater Denver metropolitan area and in other large cities. This phenomenon is not due to lack of traditional health care, but because of the desire for instant attention to medical needs without having to make an appointment and wait days to see a doctor.

Some have tried going to the emergency room at a local hospital which often means a several hour wait to be seen since true emergences take precedence over non-emergencies. An emergency room visit is often fairly expensive and impersonal.

Usually a qualified and licensed Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner under an overseeing physician diagnoses the medical problem and prescribes an appropriate medication.

These routine health services are financially reasonable and generally adequate to bring healing to the walk-in patient.

In general I believe that this trend in health care is because of at least five contributing factors:

1. People want to have more control over their lives and destiny and less from the so-called "experts".
2. There is a growing lack of trust in the established institutions, i.e. hospitals and mental health facilities.
3. People dislike waiting in line or upon someone to take care of what they consider a minor health inconvenience.
4. Many who use these services do not have health insurance. Others have catastrophic health insurance with a very high deductible and it is not cost effective to use their insurance.
5. Lastly, these health services become a viable resource for those who have a preexisting condition that precludes them from having insurance coverage.

Consequently, **Emergency Walk-in Health Clinics** abound because they are convenient and profitable. However, there are those who question the quality of care. James Love remarks,

"Hopefully you get what you pay for, because you always pay for what you get."



What About Walk-in Spiritual Health Clinics?

Since the mid 1800's the Salvation Army has often provided an evangelical place where men and women in the military and others could walk in and find a Christian respite from the pressures of war and from those who prey upon young adults in a strange town. What a blessing they were to this author in his time of need.

The YMCA and YWCA were formed to provide lodging and spiritual encouragement to young men and women from all walks of life.

The Christian Servicemen's Center movement after World War II provided a safe and restful place for the weary

military person. It was an attempt to provide spiritual help and health to those serving away from home.

Today many large evangelical churches provide a lounge and coffee bar within the church facility where people may gather for fellowship, Bible study and refreshments. Some even have an off-site coffee shop in a shopping center or mall as an outreach to the community.

At one time many churches were open 24/7 in order to meet the needs of walk-ins. But now one cannot walk freely into a church anytime because churches are closed when there are not any formal activities due to security threats and vandalism.

Each of these examples is non-profit where the cost of operation is covered by the contributions and donations of others, in contrast with the for-profit ones that operate at the expense of the walk-ins.

GOD'S Walk-in Spiritual Health Clinic, open 24/7/365. *"Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* (Heb. 4: 16).

Jesus invites us to walk up to the throne of grace to find grace to help in our time of need. He alone provides rest and healing, at no charge! *"Freely you have received, freely give."* (Matt. 10:8). And contrary to James Love, as quoted above, Jesus will always fulfill our **spiritual health needs** without any payment whatsoever!

When one is saved, converted or born again, Jesus Christ comes to dwell within that individual. The Apostle Paul says *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**, and the life which **I now live** in the flesh I live **by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me"* (Gal. 2:20).

Christ lives in us beginning at salvation, and our new born-again life is ***"I now live... by faith in the Son of God"*** Who becomes now the perfect source of the rest of our Christian life!

If we are saved by grace, but still have to try to please God by our futile efforts to live righteously by keeping His Law, **what's the purpose**? Christ then died needlessly. This is spiritually unhealthy. Sadly, most Christians are spiritually unhealthy trying to live the Christian life in their own natural [fleshly] strength and thereby failing miserably.

However, if by faith we are enjoying Jesus' **spiritual health** daily, **He** then is able to freely share **His** gracious **spiritual health** in and through us to others who are in need.

Wherever the entrusting Christian goes, Jesus Christ who dwells within goes also whether one is consciously aware of His presence or not. Jesus' promise to those who walk with Him, *"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of **living water**'"* (Jn. 7:38).

What a privilege it is for you and me to be Jesus' cooperating partners through whom He dispenses His spiritual healing to the saved and unsaved alike as we tread the daily journey with Him. Jesus Christ is the **Spiritual Healer.** He does the work and we are privileged to participate with **Him**! To God be the glory!!!

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Excerpts from a recent letter:

When we get the UPDATES in the mail, we often stop and reminisce about all the days we spent in Colorado, and the lasting impact you've had on our lives...

I've learned that God's work and love has no beginning and no end; but to a struggling young man, learning to trust in a God I couldn't see or feel became a wonderful exercise in gaining peace.

And you still carry on, reaching out to the hurting and the lost; those ready to give up the fight and collapse into remorse with no hope. We pray for you guys regularly and thank God constantly for your influence in our lives and subsequently our children, grandchildren, church and friends.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God. It has made a difference and still reverberates in the teaching and counseling we do. Your fruit is bearing more fruit through multiple generations and God is glorified through your commitment to Him.

Thank you for being so consistent and persistent. Praise be to our God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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