

PLACE OF HOPE

Request: Today's request comes from your pastor-teacher. After reading today's passage in my personal daily study time, the thought came to me, "**I wonder if our church is a place of hope for the hopeless?**"

This lesson will study **nine homiletic points** from our passage regarding DSBC becoming a **Place of Hope for the Hopeless.**

- **Season of hope** (Jn.5:1)
 - Feast of shadow Christology of 1st advent of Jesus Christ (Lev.23) -

- **Sheep gate pool** (Jn.5:2)
 - A place of hope – Bethesda with five porticoes – Second temple period (3 BC) - he had put himself in the right place, at the right time for healing but was looking for the wrong solution-

- **Sick without hope** (Jn.5:3a)
 - The multitude of sick, blind, lame, and withered (Lk.7:22) 38 years - maybe next year

- **Substitution false hope** (Jn.5:3b-4)
 - Text not in original. A sign of spiritual sick worldly people (Deut.28:20-22, 27-29, 35)
 - False hope is No hope!

- **Sign of hope** (Jn.5:5-7)
 - Jesus Christ saw both his body and soul disabilities and spiritual need.
 - "Do you wish to get well?" - blinded by substitution (2 Cor.4:3-4; Prov.13:12; Job 13:15)
 - Three commands to obey for healing – his choice!

- **Sabbath miracle** (Jn.5:8-10)
 - Not permissible on Sabbath by religion (Lk.5:22-23; Mk.2:27-28)
 - Three Sabbaths during the Feast of Unleavened Bread – two High and one Weekly

- **Stranger made me well** (Jn.5:11-13)
 - Compare (Jn.5:6, 11, 14) "But the man who was healed did not know who it was." (Jn.5:13)

- **Spiritual encounter** (Jn.5:14-15)
 - There is a difference between a religious and spiritual encounter - the object of faith (1 Cor15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9) – **temple worship** – cleansed by the shepherd of sheep (1 Pet.5:1-4; 1 Pet.1:18-19).
 - Before Christ, he couldn't get closer than the sheep pool to worship God. After Jesus Christ, he entered into full worship with God in the temple of shadow Christology -

If the place of hope doesn't offer the grace salvation into the presence of God through Jesus Christ (Jn.14:6), it is not the true place of worship of God (Jn.4:23-24, 42)

- **Spiritual conflict** (Jn.5:16-17)
 - The enemy of Christ and His church is religion and legalism – they attack grace and good whenever it conflicts with their apostasy (Jn.5:10, 16; **Isa.40:31; Ps.119:74; Rom.15:4**)