

## SERMON NOTES

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## FAITH DOES!

“Sin Sick”

Do you remember the summer when cities closed their public pools? Parents everywhere were worried that their children might contract that dreaded disease. Pictures of people in iron lungs were indelibly embedded in our minds, and young children were kept in out of the heat so that they would not overexert themselves. It was the summer of the Polio epidemic, and those who went through it will never forget it!

Then, in 1955, it was announced that Jonas Salk had developed a polio vaccine that offered protection from the virus. It was like a gift from heaven, and clinics immediately opened in schools, churches, and other public places where children lined up to receive their immunizations.

Modern research has been able to find cures for many of man's dreaded diseases. From the discovery of Penicillin and modern heart surgery to mapping of the human genome, discoveries in just the last 75 years have been mind-boggling. Hopefully, in the near future, we will also see an end to Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and even cancer. But, one disease will continue to plague man. It is the disease of sin. It infects from within and quickly spreads to everything around us! Since Adam, it has grown at epidemic proportions, and to date, there is only one known cure.

James talks about *sin sickness* as he brings his letter to a close. This morning, we end our study of *Faith Does* as we look at how to put an end to this worst-of-all diseases.

### James 5:13-20

I. Sin Sickness . . .

1. There is a sin that leads to \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 5:16; James 5:20)

2. There is a sin that leads to \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 11:29-30, NLT; James 5:13-15)

II. Sin's Only Cure . . .

1. There must be \_\_\_\_\_. (Vv 14, 16)

2. Only through \_\_\_\_\_ can there be \_\_\_\_\_. (Vs 15)

3. Only \_\_\_\_\_ will prevent a relapse! (Vs 20a)

III. \_\_\_\_\_ Part In God's Cure . . .

1. \_\_\_\_\_ . . . (Vv 13-15, 17-18)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ . . . (Vs 14)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ . . . (Vv 19-20)