

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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## ROAST PREACHER



Our Sunday meal  
Has home appeal,  
Peach pies  
Are Mamma's feature;  
But what a treat,  
To sit and eat  
On tender, prime,  
Roast Preacher.

That's when we pick him  
Bone, by bone,  
To see just how  
He's tickin';  
He's twice as nice  
As minute rice,  
And tenderer -  
Than chicken.

We love his face,  
And warm embrace,  
He's such  
A bible teacher;  
I still love yams,  
And sugar hams,  
But, better still -  
Roast Preacher.

This all begun,  
By having fun,  
With Mamma's pies,  
And preachers;  
But Sunday next  
We've changed  
Our text;  
To women's lib -  
And streakers.

-Walt Huntley

## SOULWINNER'S SONG

Lead me to some soul today;  
Oh, teach me, Lord, just what  
to say.  
Friends of mine are lost in sin  
And cannot find their way.  
Few there are who seem to care  
And few there are who pray;  
Melt my heart and fill my life;  
Give me one soul today.

-Will H. Houghton

## FEEL LIKE YOU'RE CARRYING THE WORLD ON YOUR SHOULDERS?

Jesus said, "Come unto  
me, all ye that labour  
and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you  
rest".



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## Are You Ready?

# The Cure For Cancer

By Jack Sternberg, M.D.

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My name is Doctor Jack Sternberg. I'm a physician, a Medical Oncologist. I diagnose and treat patients who are thought to have and who do have cancer. My work is very exhausting; both physically and especially, emotionally. My hours are long. The grief and suffering I see can be overwhelming. I am very frequently asked, by patients and their families, how can I or anyone, do this type of work day after day? I often ask myself the same question.

Last month in **The Baptist Challenge** I shared my testimony (story) of how I came to know my Jewish Messiah, my Savior, Y'shua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ.

Through Him, as best that I could as a finite man, I came to understand an infinite God and His plans for mankind. To start to understand the tragedies of life that I saw daily. To begin to grasp the eternal struggle that was taking place around me and to comprehend that these struggles were not random; not by just chance. That God was ultimately in control and would be victorious at the end. But for now, because He is just, He must allow an ancient scenario to unfold with the passage of time.

I said I am a Medical Oncologist. I deal with cancer every day. Cancer can be defined as "a malignant tumor

(growth) that tends to invade healthy tissue and spread to new sites. A pernicious spreading evil" [The American Heritage Dictionary]. It causes pain, suffering, loss of function and ultimately death. It does so by destroying what is good and healthy and replacing it with what is bad and nonfunctional. It invades what is working and substitutes that which doesn't work. Cancer is very strong and resilient. Once it is present, it is almost impossible to eradicate. It intertwines itself around and within that which is good. It hides in areas that are inaccessible and unreachable.

We physicians try so hard to eradicate it. We remove it surgically. We try to kill it with radiation. I try to poison it to death with my chemotherapy drugs. Sometimes we're successful, sometimes not. Sometimes the therapy seems worse than the disease. Each patient's struggle for survival can be so great!

Cancer is a terrible illness. But I've learned that there is a far greater disease than cancer. Oh, it acts just like cancer and has many of its attributes and characteristics, but it is ultimately worse. As a matter of fact, cancer is just one manifestation of this ultimate disorder. The mother of all cancers and illnesses is sin! That condition which separates us from God Almighty now, here on earth and can also keep us apart from God for all eternity.

Sin is like cancer in that it is so strong. Like cancer, it wants to take over our entire being. It desires to intertwine itself into every aspect of our lives and choke off and destroy that which is good and Godly. It lives only for itself and has no productive function. It is selfish. Like cancer, it will kill its host to feed itself. It is ugly, grotesque, and monstrous. Like advanced cancer, sin is impossible to eradicate without radical treatment or therapy. But unlike cancer, there is a guaranteed cure.

The cure is simple and it's absolutely free. You don't have

to work for it, work out for it, swallow it, inject it or buy it. No insurance policy covers it. The cure is not natural, but supernatural. It is a free gift of God called Atonement.

You should have died because of your illness (sin) but Y'shua died on the cross and took your spiritual illness upon Himself. The Atonement cure is that He took your place as the penalty for your separation, disobedience and independence from God.

Visual imagery will not cleanse and cure you of your sin. But, it does take one mental act for true atonement to occur. You have to acknowledge that you are diseased (confess you are a sinner) and desire to avoid all further illness (repent and stay away from further sin). Finally, you have to believe in the one and only true therapy and cure for your illness: the Lord, Savior and Messiah, Y'shua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ.

So how do I as a Medical Oncologist continue to deal with cancer and all its effects? I, like all other Christian believers, place my ultimate hope in the Lord. Acknowledging that He is and will always be in control. That nothing in this world can separate me from my Lord and God for all eternity. Death is a sad but momentary separation from those believers we leave behind here on earth. That death is the beginning of forever in Heaven when there will be no sadness, illness nor suffering.

So how do I practice Oncology day by day? The answer is "I don't." The Apostle Paul said it for himself and for me when he said, "I can do all things through Messiah Jesus who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). He has given me the hope and the answers to all things. He has also given me a ministry, as a Medical Oncologist, to share His good news with as many as I can. May the Ruach ha Kodesh, the Holy Spirit, empower me to continue His great commission to share to my patients and to all who will hear, the "Greatest Cure" of all.

- The Baptist Challenge

## What Cancer Can't Do . . . .

*Cancer is so limited . . .  
It cannot cripple love,  
It cannot shatter hope,  
It cannot corrode faith,  
It cannot destroy confidence,  
It cannot kill friendship,  
It cannot shut out memories,  
It cannot silence courage,  
It cannot invade the soul,  
It cannot reduce eternal life,  
It cannot quench the Spirit,  
It cannot lessen the power of  
the resurrection.*

# Miscellaneous.

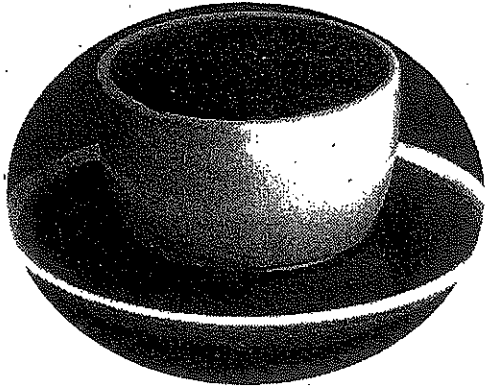
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## **BECAUSE MY CUP HAS OVERFLOWED**

I've never made a fortune,  
And it's probably too late now.  
But I don't worry about that much,  
I'm happy anyhow.  
And as I go along life's way,  
I'm reaping better than I sowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
Because my cup has overflowed.  
Haven't got a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough.  
But I've got loving ones all around me,  
And that makes me rich enough.  
I thank God for his blessings,  
And the mercies He's bestowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
Because my cup has overflowed.  
I remember times when things went wrong,  
My faith wore somewhat thin.  
But all at once the dark clouds broke,  
And the sun peeped through again.  
So Lord, help me not to gripe,



About the tough rows I have hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
Because my cup has overflowed.  
If God gives me strength and courage,  
When the way grows steep and rough.  
I'll not ask for other blessings,  
I'm already blessed enough.  
And may I never be too busy,  
To help others bear their loads.  
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,  
Because my cup has overflowed.  
*Author Unknown*

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Preacher," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere" – Anonymous