

*[“Is There No Balm In Gilead;](#) is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?” [Jeremiah 8:22](#) KJV*



Nowadays, we don't use the word "balm" much. Now, we say "salve" or "ointment." Chapstick is a balm used to soothe and protect chapped lips. In ancient times, balms were highly prized for their healing qualities and also expensive. Not much has changed. Medicine is still lucrative and many times unaffordable. There is a well-known Black-American spiritual that goes:

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again;  
Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend,  
And if you lack of knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend;  
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

The song refers to salvation through Jesus Christ. Isn't it wonderful that God doesn't make you pay for the healing of your soul? *"Go up into Gilead, and take balm...in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured. Men cannot cure death! Death is the absence of life. A sin-sick soul is a soul without Jesus. "In Him Was Life and the Life was the Light of men. The wages (earned compensation) of sin is death." Only the Balm of the Holy Spirit can heal the soul! "The Spirit of Truth... Will Guide you into all Truth...That Shall He Speak." He Whispers Truth to the thoughts of sinners Convincing them of the Power of Christ to Save from eternal death! Have you ever enjoyed sickness? The Balm of Salvation has no appeal unless a soul is sick of sin. Many think they must give up pleasure to obey God's Word. Quite the contrary! "The GIFT of God Is Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. In Thy Presence Is Fulness Of Joy; at Thy Right Hand There Are PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE."* When you walk in Truth (obey God), you walk on God's Right Hand and you Are Healed of sin's death! *"If we walk in the Light, as He Is In The Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son Cleanseth us from all sin. If any man sin, we have an Advocate With The Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Are you sick FROM sin or sick OF sin? Either way, there is a cure! *"For By Grace Are ye Saved THROUGH FAITH; and That not of yourselves: It Is the GIFT OF GOD. But without Faith it is impossible to please Him. Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God."* Faith is believing and obeying God's Word. It is The Balm That Cures death! By it comes the *"GIFT OF FAITH"* that saves your sin-sick soul from the eternal Lake of Fire! Aren't you tired of being sin-sick? I pray you get well, soon! Jesus Saves! *"There is none other name...whereby we must Be Saved."*

*"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they Were Judged every man according to their works. And Death and Hell Were Cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire." Revelation 20:13-15 KJV*