

Christ's Cure For an
Aspirin Age
Matt 11:28-29

Some years ago Isabel Leighton wrote a book - a best seller in the field of non-fiction - entitled "The Aspirin Age"

It dealt with the 22 years between world war I & II. The brief review of the book shows it to relate the dramatic, tragic, and oft-times comic events between Versailles and Pearl Harbor. It tells of

Aimee Semple McPherson
Warren Harding
Calvin Coolidge
Kere Lummey
Jack Dempsey
Charles Finley
Herbert Hoover
The New Deal etc

A mixture of sorrow, tragedy and comedy - which is a picture of most any life.

"The Aspirin Age" not only fits that period but also our age as well.

If we will just look for them we can find symbols that characterize any age - what are ours?

1. Herky-Jerky neon signs - It's bright lights look out with news stick pictures like to-day - we are a restless people. Why are so many dying young?
2. For the second symbol we might select the household article - The Can opener, which is symbolical of our worship of gadgets - THINGS. We are mechanical minded - we bow down to the fly wheel.
3. The third symbol is the aspirin bottle and its associates which bear witness to the great nation wide headache that struts in the American mind.

Five years ago our American people consumed 4,000,000 lbs of aspirin in one year - that represented many a headache. Our people will take 5,000,000 pills to-night.

Some time ago a photographer snapped a picture on a busy st. corner of one of our cities - The people were not customers of picture. In their faces were evidence of headache, strain, anxiety - burden, sorrow.

This a.m. I wanted direct your minds to the words of the great physician - one who always makes the right diagnosis - He is never led away by false symptoms - He is Jesus who keeps office in the pages

of the new testament - He is always in
He makes charges -

1. perfect faith
2. perfect trust
3. absolute confidence
4. willingness to rely on Him.

I am not against aspirin or any medi-
cine - For temporary relief - They are loaches
and pains from some irregularity - But
so much of a nation's headache comes
from moral irregularity and becomes
a symptom of an underlying cause -
In these cases aspirin, sleeping pills, etc
may give temporary relief - But for
a cure we must have Christ

First this formula Christ gives us is
an effective one because it helps us to
face ourselves (not trying to escape our-
selves) and get our selves straightened
out - "It's not brother, it's not my mother, it's
me a Lord standing in need of prayer"

the more - - - - -

a second thing "Relinquishment"
not only do we need to face ourselves
but also to turn over our problems
to God -

All many years ago Mark Amy Pearce
was riding into town in Corvair
picked up a poor old tired woman
with heavy basket on her arm
when she got down she threw her
basket on her arm - Pearce says

gested she set it down - let it
rest on a glaver of Corruage - She
remarked - "I had not thought of
that"

"I heard the voice of Jesus say"

"Come unto me and rest
Lay down, thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon my breast

I came to Jesus as I was weary
worn and sad

I found in Him a resting place
and He has made me glad

