

“Need a Scan?”

Several months ago my youngest grandson JB was diagnosed with melanoma cancer, then a month or so later, had surgery to remove a tumor on his shoulder and the lymph node in his armpit, and both were melanoma. We had recently lost an extended family to melanoma cancer at age 50, so we were all concerned for JB.

His surgeon ordered both PET and CT scans to check the rest of his body for signs the cancer had metastasized, but he had to wait TWO months before they could work him into the schedule! I have talked to a plethora of people who had, or thought they had something seriously wrong, only to be told it would be weeks or longer to get tests run, and once the tests were finally run, they had to wait what seemed like forever and a day to get the results!

Here's what really amazes me - I have also talked to countless people who had physical problems, and had been through a battery of tests, scans, etc. and the doctors still didn't know the cause of their problems! I am thrilled to report that JB just got his test results back and is he cancer free! Hallelujah!

What does this have to do with spirituality? Glad you asked! When we become Christians, when we are saved, God implants a supernatural scanner in us - His Holy Spirit. John 14:25 Jesus said: *“But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.”* (AMP) And Paul said of taking communion in 1 Cor. 11:28 *“But a person must [prayerfully] examine himself [and his relationship to Christ], and only when he has done so should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”*

I feel like God is asking us to examine ourselves - like scanning our computers for a virus. Are you having issues in your life? Illness? Issues with your marriage or family life? Financial problems? Troubles at work or school? Our problems might well be caused by hidden or unconfessed sins in our life.

Here's a quick way to find out if we do: we can do what King David did in Psalm 139:23-24, by asking Him to *“Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.”* (AMP) Are we willing to ask Him to examine us? We can have the scan, get the results, and receive treatment (the blood of Jesus!) all in one day! Amen!

