

## **“Snake Oil”**

Decades ago, before many of you were born, I watched cowboy shows on Saturdays mornings on TV. In many of the shows there were unscrupulous “snake oil” salesmen promoting basically worthless products to anyone gullible enough to listen to their spiel and buy their elixir, hoping it would cure a variety of ailments.

Today, as I scroll through Facebook, I can’t believe how many “snake oil” products I’ve seen advertised that claim to improve and/or heal almost any kind of medical issue you might have! I must admit that I have tried a number of their “cures” for various health issues, and I wish just ONCE I would be one of the people who wrote glowing reviews of how well their product worked, but I can’t!

I wonder if unsaved people see religion, and especially the Gospel as some kind of “snake oil?” Maybe they have heard countless testimonies from others about how effective what is written in the bible really is, but are convinced it won’t “work” for them. 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIRV) says *“The person without the Spirit doesn’t accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. These things are foolish to them. They can’t understand them. In fact, such things can’t be understood without the Spirit’s help...”*

While the old time snake oil salesmen, and the social media influencers of today make promises their products can’t necessarily deliver, God, in His word gives us a WRITTEN guarantee that what He promises, He WILL deliver! All of humanity is cursed with a sickness called sin, but as Romans 6:23 says: *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (NIV)

So here is my “review” of this spiritual medicine - I once was LOST, but now I’m found! I’m saved! I’m set free from the sin that kept me captive! Jesus has not just given me a new life, He’s given me an ABUNDANT life! Because of the blood of Jesus, ALL of my sins, past present, and future are wiped away! Because His promised Holy Spirit lives IN me, I am now thankfully led and controlled by Him, and not my flesh!

In all of the trials and tribulations I’ve had in life, He is ALWAYS there for me, to comfort and strengthen me and enable me to walk through some very dark times in victory! Because I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I KNOW that I have a place reserved for me in my Father’s house in heaven when I die!

There’s no need for a money back guarantee because Jesus paid the full price for us! The only “cost” for us is to surrender our hearts to Him, allow Him full access to our lives, and watch Him work in and through us! Amen!

