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**Great
Discovery**

What was the greatest discovery in the field of medicine over the last hundred years or so?

It must be **ANESTHETICS**. We owe a debt to Dr. James Simpson who originated the use of ether as an anaesthetic in midwifery in 1847. The same year he discovered something he thought better in chloroform.

Perhaps it was **ANTISEPTICS**. It was Lord Joseph Lister who in 1860 revolutionized modern surgery by the introduction of the modern antiseptics system.

On the other hand, maybe **ANTIBIOTICS**. Without doubt the majority of people will consider these the greatest discovery in medicine. In 1928 Sir Alexander Fleming discovered by accident the first penicillin, though it was 1942 before it was produced on a large scale. These were great discoveries, instrumental in saving countless numbers of lives, **but there was a greater discovery.**

It was only in the middle of the last century that the serious nature of **DIRT** was realized. That it was dirt that carried and spread disease; that dirt was the unseen agent hindering and preventing healing. Today both medicine and surgery insist on cleanliness. Now what dirt is to the body (an enemy and potential killer), so **SIN** is to the soul, to the personality, to our whole being. Dirt is universal and is no respecter of persons, so is sin, *“for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”*.

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If Dirt can maim so can sin; *“He that sinneth... wrongeth his own soul”*. (2) Dirt, if it is ignored or neglected, may even prove fatal, the same is certainly so with sin. The solution to the problem of dirt lies in cleanliness, in hygiene, and in the use of antiseptics and antibiotics. But has the solution been found to the problem of sin? The answer is emphatically **YES**, and it is a divine solution, not one concocted by man. The Bible tells us that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (3) He did this when He died on the Cross, not only bearing our sins in His body, but also bearing our punishment.

We began by asking a question concerning discovery, let me ask you another one. Have you discovered that it is possible for you to be pardoned and forgiven by a Holy God? Have you discovered the truth that the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, **CLEANSSES** us from all sin? (4) The actual discovery and experience of these things lie in our obedience to the Bible which declares *“let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”* (5)

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Bible References (1) Romans 3:23. (2) Proverbs 8:36. (3) 1 Timothy 1:15.
(4) 1 John 1:7. (5) Isaiah 55:7.