



Atonement

The path to

Healing

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Chapter 1

Jesus Healed All Who Came to Him.

As a sign of God's love and compassion as well as a sign that drew people to repentance, and recognition of Jesus Christ as the Messiah, Jesus healed all who came to him. Miracles continue today for the same purposes. This book will acquaint the you with an understanding of how to move in the miraculous.

The Word of God is the Life of God. Believe the word, receive the word, and Act upon the word. This includes both salvation and healing.

Hebrews 7:25 Because Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant (verse 22), "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Take a look at this scripture in the Amplified Version: "Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them."

The "better covenant" is also called the new covenant or testament. It is new and better because it allows us to go directly to God through Christ. We no longer need to sacrifice animals and mediating priests to obtain God's forgiveness. This new covenant is better because, while all human priests die, Christ lives forever. Priests and sacrifices could not save people, but Christ truly saves. You have access to Christ. He is available to you.

No one can add to what Jesus did for us; our past, present, and future sins are all forgiven, and Jesus is with the Father as a sign that our sins are forgiven. Christ has paid the price for your sins once and for all. (See also Hebrews 9:24-28.)

As our high priest, Christ is our advocate, the mediator between God and us. He looks after our interests and intercedes for us with God. The Old Testament high priest went before God once a year to plead for the forgiveness of the nation's sins; Christ makes perpetual intercession before God for us.

Christ's continuous presence in heaven with the Father assures us that our sins have been paid for and forgiven (see Romans 8:33-34; Hebrews 2:17-18; Hebrews 4:15-16; Hebrews 9:24). This wonderful assurance frees us from guilt and from fear of failure.

It is important to remember the word "save" is the Greek word *sozo*, that literally means to heal, preserve, save, do well, be (make) whole, it means deliverance in the present as well as in the future or in eternity, physical as well as spiritual. Jesus used this word to denote healing of the body as well as forgiveness of sins. Always translate this word as "save - heal" when you come across it in the word.

Acts 5:16

Crowds came in from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick, and those possessed by evil spirits. They were all healed.

These miraculous healings allowed the early church to (1) Attract new believers. (2) They confirmed the truth of the apostles' teaching. (3) They demonstrated the power of the Messiah, who had been crucified and rose from the dead to, be present with his followers

Jesus had been crucified and rose again, and ascended into heaven. The very same work Jesus performed took place through the hands of his disciples with the very same intensity - all being healed. Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!"

The religious leaders were jealous—Peter and the apostles were already commanding more respect than the religious leaders had ever received. The difference, however, was the religious leaders demanded respect and reverence for themselves; the apostles' goal was to bring respect and reverence to God. The apostles were respected not because they demanded it, but because they deserved it.

The apostles of Christ experienced power to do miracles, great boldness in preaching, and God's presence in their lives, yet they were not free from hatred and persecution. They were arrested, put in jail, beaten, and slandered by community leaders. Faith in God does not make troubles disappear; it makes troubles appear less frightening because it puts them in the right perspective. Don't expect everyone to react favorably when you share something as dynamic as your faith in Christ. Some will be jealous, afraid, or threatened. Expect some negative reactions, and remember you must be more concerned about serving God than about the reactions of people (see Acts 5:29).

Acts 13:38-39 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man [Jesus] is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified [declared righteous] from all things from that you could not be justified by the law of Moses."

Train yourself to translate the word "justified" as declared righteous. Justified is the literal Greek translation. This will really help, when you read the book of Romans. You can remember it by: just-if-I'd never sinned.

That is righteousness - to be in right standing with God.. 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us plainly that as born-again believers we have become the righteousness of God in Christ. Because of the forgiveness of sins, through His shed blood, we are redeemed and declared righteous from ALL THINGS that we could not be declared righteous, apart from His redemptive work. .This is our position in Christ and it's more than just spiritual, the effects of it pertain to the soul, the body and our life here on this earth.

Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal (Natural, Earthly) bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

This Scripture, is talking about your body you now have, not the one you're going to receive one day in heaven! Allow the Lord to impart His life into you by placing faith in His Word. Begin to praise Him for this promise.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 "Always hearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus (that was for our victory), that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we that live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." - Bodily Health!!!

God never abandons us. Because Christ has won the victory over death, we have eternal life. All our risks, humiliations, and trials are opportunities for Christ to demonstrate his power and presence in and through us.

Matthew 6:9-10 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven."

Jesus always prays the will of God, and He prays that the will of God be done here on the earth just as it is in heaven. People in heaven are not sick, so we can clearly see it is God's will that we also be free from sickness and disease.

Deuteronomy 11:21 (If a believer honors God and lives according to the Word, He says...) "That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land that the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth." NOTE - God's plan is for His children to begin to experience the inheritance of the heavenly life while here on the earth. We're already His children, and we have been given special rights. Learning to walk in the Word of God brings the benefits of the Word of God into a living, functioning reality.

Deuteronomy 7:15 "And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt that you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you."

If this was a promise to God's covenant people under the Old Covenant, how much more does this benefit of health pertain to us today; as we are under the New Covenant that is based upon the precious Blood of Jesus Christ!

Romans 8:32 "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

This includes healing!!!

Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."

"Wait" in this verse implies a positive action of hope, based on knowing that the Word of God is a true fact, and it will soon come to pass - waiting with earnest expectation!

Psalm 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

God's promises to be "close to the brokenhearted," to be our source of power, courage, and wisdom, helping us through our problems. Sometimes, he chooses to deliver us from those problems. When trouble strikes, don't get frustrated with God. Instead, admit you need God's help, and thank him for being by your side.

Chapter 2

Health Will Be Restored

Jeremiah 30:17 "For I will restore health unto you, and I will heal you of your wounds, saith the Lord."

Beware of putting your confidence in useless cures, while your sin spreads and causes you pain. God alone can cure the disease of sin, but you must be willing to let him do it.

Isaiah 53:4-5 "Surely He hath borne our grief's and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed."

"By His stripes we are healed," is not talking about spiritual healing, as some have taught, but definite physical healing. God recreated the human spirit He heals our bodies and minds. This clearly shows that your healing was paid for at the cross!

It may have been hard for an Old Testament person to understand the idea of Christ dying for our sins (our transgressions and iniquities)—actually bearing the punishment that we deserved? The sacrifices suggested this idea, but it is one thing to kill a lamb, and something quite different to think of God's chosen servant as that Lamb. But God was pulling aside the curtain of time to let the people of Isaiah's day look ahead to the suffering of the future Messiah and the resulting forgiveness made available to all mankind.

Jeremiah 33:6 "Behold, I will bring you health and cure, and I will cure you, and will reveal unto you the abundance of peace and truth."

God is ready to answer our prayers, but we must ask for his assistance. Surely God could take care of our needs without our asking. But when we ask, we are acknowledging that he alone is God, and we cannot accomplish in our own strength all that is his domain to do. When we ask, we must humble ourselves, lay aside our willfulness and worry, and determine to obey him.

Matthew 18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on Earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."

A prayer of agreement is powerful - have someone agree with you for your healing! Jesus looked ahead to a new day, when he would be present with his followers not in body, but through his Holy Spirit. In the body of believers (the church), the sincere agreement of two people is more powerful than the superficial agreement of thousands, because Christ's Holy Spirit is with them. Two or more

believers, will pray according to God's will, not their own; thus their requests will be granted.

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say to you whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Surely this includes healing!

Jesus prayed, "Everything is possible for you. . . Yet not what I will, but what you will" (Mark 14:36). Our own interests and desires often motivate our prayers. We like to hear we can have anything. Jesus prayed with *God's* interests in mind. When we pray, we should express our desires, but want his will above ours. Check yourself to see if your prayers focus on your interests or God's.

Isaiah 58:8 "Thy light shall break forth as the morning, and thy health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy rear guard."

you cannot be saved by deeds of service without faith in Christ, but our faith lacks sincerity if it doesn't reach out to others.

Psalms 41:3 (Amplified Version) "The Lord will sustain, refresh, and strengthen him on his bed of languishing; all his bed you [O Lord] will turn, change, and transform in his illness."

The Amplified Bible brings out the fullness of meaning in the original language. The phrase "all his bed" in the Hebrew, has the meaning of; all that he is afflicted with, or all of his condition he is lying with". It is always His will to turn, change, and transform our mourning into dancing - Psalm 30:11

1Thessalonians 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless sound, complete and intact unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Wholeness, wellness, and health is for the complete make-up of man, spiritual, mental, and physical.

The spirit, soul, and body refer not so much to the distinct parts of a person as to the entire being of a person. This expression is Paul's way of saying God must be involved in *every* aspect of our lives. It is wrong to think we can separate our

spiritual lives from everything else, obeying God only in some ethereal sense or living for him only one day each week. Christ must control *all* of us, not just a “religious” part.

1 Peter 2:24 "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed."

Past tense "You were healed". Jesus paid it all for your total deliverance - spirit, soul and body!

Peter had learned about suffering from Jesus. He knew Jesus' suffering was part of God's plan (Matthew 16:21-23; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47), and was intended to save us (Matthew 20:28; Matthew 26:28). He also knew all who follow Jesus must be prepared to suffer (Mark 8:34-35). Peter learned these truths from Jesus and passed them on to us.

Christ died for *our* sins, in *our* place, so we would not have to suffer the punishment we deserve. This is called substitutionary atonement.

Psalm 103:2-3 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who heals all thy diseases."

Notice it doesn't say some, it says all! It also states healing is one of the benefits that belongs to the believer. along with the benefit of having our sin forgiven. See our article Two Gifts of Grace

3 John 2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

John was concerned for Gaius's physical *and* spiritual well being. This was the opposite of the popular heresy that taught the separation of spirit and matter. and despised the physical side of life. Today, many people still fall into this way of thinking. This non-Christian attitude logically leads to one of two responses: neglect of the body and physical health, or indulgence of the body's sinful desires. God is concerned for both your body and your soul. As a responsible Christian, you should neither neglect nor indulge yourself, but care for your physical needs and discipline your body so that you are at your best for God's service.

Jeremiah 17:14 "Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."

Jeremiah sees that healing is a finished work along with salvation, paid for at the same time with the same healing Blood. You can get excited about this verse saying; "you did it Lord for me, then according to this verse I will agree and say I will have healing just as I have salvation, it's mine NOW!".

Chapter 3

You Are An Overcomer Through Jesus Christ!

Use Your Authority and Resist Fear!

Matthew 18:18 "Verily I say unto you, whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

"Bind" means to forbid, the word "loose" means to let go or to allow to go free. Do not allow sickness, pain or disease to run free in your body, bind it or forbid it to stay there any longer because of your rights as a believer.. Put your foot down and command it to leave in the "Name of Jesus!!!!".

John 10:10 "The thief (satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Here we see the desired the will of the Lord for every believer, that we experience abundant life. According to this verse, He came for this very purpose. We also see clearly that it is not God who afflicts us. The word here for life is the Greek word "zoe." One highly respected commentator describes the true meaning of the word in this verse as: "life being the highest and best of that Christ is". In light of that meaning, you can easily see the wonderful gift of life the Lord He wants for each of us. Sickness and disease are truly not in His plan for us, simply because He has none to give.

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give unto you power (authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

This is an exciting verse. Jesus said He has given us authoritative power over ALL, not some of the enemy! Command Satan to take his hands off of you. Command sickness and disease to leave you now in the Name of Jesus.

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

God chose Israel through Abraham because he wanted to, not because the people deserved it (Deut. 7:6-8; Deut. 9:4-6). Although God chose the Israelites to represent him to the world, they failed to do this. God punished them and sent them into captivity. Now, all believers are God's chosen people, and all share the responsibility of representing him to the world.

God will bring all his faithful people together. We need not fear because (1) God is with us ("I am with you"), (2) God has established a relationship with us ("I am your God"), and (3) God gives us assurance of his strength, help, and victory over sin and death. Have you realized all the ways God has helped you?

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that rises against you in judgment YOU shall condemn. This is the heritage (birthright)

of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD."

Sickness is judging you falsely, it is your birthright to live in health. You condemn it, with the Word of God, and command it to leave your body.

Psalm 102:19-20 -- "For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from heaven did the Lord behold the earth, to hear the sighing and groaning of the prisoner, to loose those who are appointed to death."

If you are born-again, then YOU are not appointed to death, but unto life in Christ Jesus. The Word tells us He who the son sets free is free indeed!!! Take hold of the word, and insist upon your covenant right of freedom today in Jesus Name. Command the devil, sickness, disease, pain and suffering to GO in Jesus Name - you have another appointment in Him, and that appointment is supernatural, overflowing, and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. You may feel like a prisoner because of your circumstance, but rejoice because God's will IS to LOOSE you from it. Begin to praise Him for it.

1 John 4:4 ". . . greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

It is easy to be frightened by the wickedness we see all around us and overwhelmed by the problems we face. Evil is obviously much stronger than we are. John assures us, however, t God is even stronger. He will conquer all evil—and his Spirit, and his Word live in our hearts!

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Jesus never promised obeying him would be easy. The hard work and self-discipline of serving Christ is no burden to those who love him. If our load starts to feel heavy, we can always trust Christ to help us bear it (see Matthew 11:28-30).

In John 17:14 "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

Jesus states we as believer's are not of the world. Sickness, disease, and failure belong to the world. As a believer, we are given the right to overcome that that comes against us by holding fast to the Word of God. While we do not deny the

problem or circumstance exists, we do however deny it the right to stay through our faith in God and His Word!!! Know this: Faith in God is victory all of the time!

Romans 8:31 "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us"

You are a winner. You are victorious through the Lord Jesus Christ. Begin to see yourself the way God sees you.

1 John 4:17 " Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."

Not only can we have boldness in the day of judgment, but we can have boldness now in this life in the face of adversity, knowing who we are in Christ, knowing what belongs to us in Him, and tenaciously holding onto it, refusing what the enemy wants us to have. As this verse says so clearly, as He is, so are we in this world. Think about that for a moment. How is He now? He is not sick. He is not diseased. It can't touch Him, and we are His body - the body of Christ. Insist on having the blessing the Lord manifested in you - praise Him for it now, worship Him!!!

1 Corinthians 5:15-17 "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For 'the two,' He says, 'shall become one flesh.' But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

Sickness has no right to Him, so it has no legal right to us. It is illegal, off limits. It has no right to stay. Take a firm stand, and run off the attack, and the lie of the enemy. You belong to Him. You are washed in His precious Blood, the covenant Blood. Command it to leave, and insist on your rights now. Don't quit until it changes, and becomes just as the Word says it should be!

2 Peter 1:3-4 "As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by that have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Notice the past tense use of "has given us all things that pertain to life!!!". The blessing of health was purchased for us at the cross. It belongs to you now. Notice the importance of the Word of God, your healing must be rooted steadfastly on the Word, not on what you see or how you feel. Did you also take note of the fact we are partakers of His divine nature! His nature is total health and well being, Expect it.

1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

The word "fellowship" is a strong covenant word in the original Greek text. It means: intimacy, partnership, participation, and also communion. In other words, because we are born-again, we have been given the right to share intimately, in partnership and participation in His life. Know that He is life, the purest form of life. He's called us to share intimately in it with Him. It's a place where sickness and disease have no right. This is your birthright. Count on it, and expect it. I love how this verse starts out - God is faithful. He's faithful to His Covenant Word, and to His covenant people. He's faithful to YOU!

Romans 5:17 "For if by the one man's offense [Adam] death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ."

I love this verse! Did you notice? It did not say you might or you possibly could. It says you will reign in life (this life in the here and now). Are you reigning in life? If you are not experiencing victory, know that it is a breach of the Word of God for it to remain and become the norm. Get mad, with a righteous indignation. Command the circumstances to leave. Take hold of the victory that is yours through the Word. For this is the will of God!

Genesis 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

The red blood cells of your body already obey this verse, as they are being multiplied and replenished every 80 - 120 days! Look at the rest of what God said to mankind - subdue and have dominion... over every living thing! Wow! That includes cancer, bacteria, parasites, viruses, and all microorganisms that cause sickness and disease. He gave the blessing. He gave the command. He gave you

the right - now do it. Put your foot down on sickness and disease. Command it to go - it has no right to stay, You are a blood bought child of God!!! Don't put up with it another minute, subdue and take dominion!

Colossians 1:13 "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."

NOTE - To be conveyed is to be transferred, removed out of one and placed into another. The power of darkness that includes the curse, no longer has a hold on us. We are now members of a different kingdom - the kingdom of God. There is no sickness and no disease in the kingdom of God.

Make Jesus The Lord Of Your Life, Reverence Him By Closing All Doors To The Enemy, Giving Him First Place!

Proverbs 3:7-8 "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones."

The term "fear the Lord" means to reverence and worship the Lord in all things.

Exodus 15:26 "If thou wilt diligently harken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that that is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put (permit) none of these diseases upon thee, that I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

God promised that if the people obeyed him, they would be free from the diseases that plagued the Egyptians. Little did they know many of the moral laws He later gave them were designed to keep them free from sickness. For example: following God's law against prostitution would keep them free of venereal disease. God's laws for us are often designed to keep us from harm. Men and women are complex beings. Our physical, emotional, and spiritual lives are intertwined. Modern medicine is now acknowledging what these laws assumed. If we want God to care for us, we need to submit to his directions for living.

Exodus 23:25 "So you shall serve (worship) the Lord your God and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you."

If you're in the furnace, it's easy to catch on fire. God warned the Israelites about their neighbors whose beliefs and actions could turn them away from him. We also live with neighbors whose values may be completely different from ours. We are

called to maintain a life-style that shows our faith. This can be a struggle, especially if our Christian life-style differs from the norm. Our lives should show we put obeying God before doing what is praised and accepted by society.

True worship from the heart is a key to walking in divine health. Humble your heart. Close every door to the devil of that you are aware. Take time each day to worship and love God from your heart.

Psalm 91:9-10 "Because thou hast made the LORD, that is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Malachi 4:2-3 "But unto you that fear (reverence, worship). My name shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. You shall trample the wicked for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this says the Lord of hosts"

Know That When You Ask The Lord For Healing. It Is Already His Will. He Hears You And He Agrees. Know He Has Already Settled It In The Atonement Of The Blood Of Jesus Christ - He Says "Yes".

Psalm 30:2 "O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me."

Psalm 107:19-20 "Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

Chapter 4

Let Your Request Be Made Known to God

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

The word "ask" in the Greek has the meaning of insistent asking with a knowing of what belongs to the one making the request. Presenting a solid requisition to God, knowing He longs to distribute what He has to the one in need. Look at James 1:5-8 we must ask in faith, and faith always knows, it never wishes!

I John 5:14-15 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

The Word of God is the will of God. If you see it in the Word of God, then you can be assured it is the will of God. The Lord is not trying to keep healing from you. He is trying to get it to you - Just Believe!

2 Corinthians 1:20 "For all the promises of God in Him are ya, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

The Lord's promises towards us are "YES" and amen (so be it!) or it is settled! There aren't any "No's" from the Lord toward us when it comes to performing His Word in our behalf. Now that's good news!

Psalm 35:27 "Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

At first glance, you may think this scripture refers only to prosperity or wealth. The word in the Hebrew for prosperity here is "shalom" and we know it as the word for peace. However, in the Hebrew this word literally means health, prosperity and peace - wholeness, welfare. So, you can clearly see the mind of God who takes pleasure in the health, wholeness, prosperity, and peace of us who are His children!

He's excited for us to have it. Once you take hold of this, praise and adoration will naturally flow forth in pure appreciation for who He is to us, and He has already done for us. Fear and doubt will no longer have a place in your thinking. What an awesome God He is!

The Will Of God Is His Blessing Of Goodness That Is For You Now!

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope (an expected end)."

The word for peace here in the Hebrew is again the word shalom and implies the meaning of health and prosperity, that is His will as it is the end or goal that the Lord is expecting for us. Begin to expect it also - yes, that's right - get your hopes high!

Luke 12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Along with the kingdom, come all of the kingdom blessings and benefits! Realize it gives God pleasure to give to you. He is a giver. He is love and love gives. So cast off fear, and put a smile on your face- you are rich in Him. Just receive it.

Psalm 121:7-8 "The Lord shall preserve (keep) you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul (life). The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and even forevermore."

He said He would keep or preserve us from all evil. This includes sickness and disease. The word for preserve means to guard, keep, to put a hedge around you, to protect, to attend to you. Praise the Lord! His promise is to do this now and forevermore. Begin to thank Him and praise Him for it.

Hebrews 13:20-21 (Amplified Version) "Now may the God of peace [Who is the Author and the Giver of peace], Who brought again from among the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood [that sealed, ratified] the everlasting agreement (covenant, testament), strengthen (complete, perfect) and make you what you ought to be and equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will; [while He Himself] works in you and accomplishes that that is

pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ (the Messiah); to Whom be the glory forever and ever (to the ages of the ages). Amen (so be it).

The author of Hebrews is praying a blessing in accordance with the will of God for completeness and wholeness, that is intended through the Blood Covenant. May you be strengthened, be made complete, be perfected, be made what you ought to be (because of the shed Blood), and equipped with everything good so you can accomplish His will! Wow! This absolutely includes healing, health and wholeness.

Philippians 2:25 "But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs."

Philippians 2:26 "For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill."

Philippians 2:27 "He was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow."

Epaphroditus delivered money from the Philippians to Paul; then he

returned with this thank-you letter to Philippi. Epaphroditus may have been an elder in Philippi (Phil. 2:25-30; Phil. 4:18) who, while staying with Paul, became ill (Phil. 2:27, 30). After Epaphroditus recovered, he returned home

Acts 28:3 "Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand."

Acts 28:4 "When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, 'This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.'"

Acts 28:5" But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects."

Acts 28:6 "The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god."

Acts 28:7 "There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably."

Acts 28:8 "His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him, and prayed, his hands on him and healed him."

Acts 28:9 "When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured."

In this passage we see Paul prayed, and the Publius' father was healed by the laying-on of hands.

God has a purpose and a plan for you. He wants you to accomplish it now in Jesus Name! His will is to rise up and believe it, receive it and act upon it!

Chapter 5

The Word Of God Brings Healing!

Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction, for your Word has given me life."

The psalmist talks about keeping the laws and yet being free. Contrary to what we often expect, obeying God's laws does not inhibit or restrain us. Instead it frees us to be what God designed us to be. By seeking God's salvation and forgiveness, we have freedom from sin and the resulting oppressive guilt. By living God's way, we have freedom to fulfill God's plan for our lives

Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

Faith for healing comes by hearing God's Word concerning healing. So just as you may be taking medicine two or three times a day, do the same thing with the promises in the Word of God regarding healing, and allow your faith to be built up! You'll be amazed at the change that will take place.

Proverbs 4:20-22 "My Son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health (Lit. medicine) to all their flesh."

Here it is as plain as it can be: the taking of God's Word is life and medicine to your flesh. So just don't take your prescribed natural medicine alone, add the Word of God along with it. Prescribed medicine can heal and help some things, but God's medicine can heal all.

John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The Word of God is truth see John 17:17. Once you know the truth concerning healing in God's redemptive plan, then you can begin to exercise faith and expect the promises of God to manifest in you - and they will - REJOICE!!!

Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not My word like a fire? says the LORD, And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

The Word of God IS an all consuming fire that will melt away, and burn off that that is not of God. The Word of God is a powerful crushing force to break apart even the toughest and most stubborn circumstances. Continue taking the hammer of God's Word and continue to hit the situations in your life that are not of God, until they give way and become as the Word says they should be. Persistence breaks down resistance!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Does your body and or mind need correction? God's Word is just the medicine. According to this verse we see that it is His will that you may be complete, and thoroughly equipped for every good work. If you are sick, you cannot do the work of the ministry- know God wants you to be able bodied, a living example in every area of His grace and mercy and power.

John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."

God's Word is healing, it will bring health to your flesh. See Proverbs 4:22. That's why it is important to continue to go over the healing scriptures daily, therefore building your faith in the area of healing, imparting the very life of God into your cells. Fill up on God's Word!

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Many people try to be good, honest people who do what is right. But Jesus says the only way to live a truly good life is to stay close to him, like a branch attached to the vine. Apart from Christ our efforts are unfruitful. Are you receiving the nourishment and life offered by Christ, the vine? If not, you are missing a special gift he has for you

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that that I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

God's Word on healing will accomplish healing in you.

Jeremiah 1:12 "I am alert and active watching over My Word to perform it."

God is looking, searching eagerly for someone to take Him at His Word so He can perform it on their behalf.

The vision of the branch of an almond tree revealed the beginning of God's judgment because the almond tree is among the first to blossom in the spring. God saw the sins of Judah and the nations, and he would carry out swift and certain judgment. The boiling pot tilting away from the north and spilling over Judah, pictured Babylon delivering God's scalding judgment against Jeremiah's people.

The problems we face may not seem as ominous as Jeremiah's, but they are critical to us and may overwhelm us! God's promise to Jeremiah and to us is nothing will defeat us completely; he will help us through the most agonizing problems. Face each day with the assurance that God will be with you and see you through.

Joshua 21:45 "Not a word failed of any good thing that the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass."

How much more sure is this promise to us since our covenant with God is based upon the shed Blood of Jesus Christ!

God proved faithful in fulfilling every promise he had given to Israel. Fulfillment of some promises took several years, but "every one was fulfilled." His promises will be fulfilled according to his timetable, not ours. We know his word is sure. The more we learn of those promises God has fulfilled and continues to fulfill, the easier it is to hope for those yet to come. Sometimes we become impatient, wanting God to act in a certain way *now*. Instead, we should faithfully do what we know he wants us to do and trust him for the future.

Matthew 8:5 "When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help."

A centurion could have let many obstacles stand between him and Jesus—pride, doubt, money, language, distance, time, self-sufficiency, power, race. But he didn't. If he did not let these barriers block his approach to Jesus, we don't need to either. What keeps you from Christ

Matthew 8:6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering."

Matthew 8:7 "Jesus said to him, 'I will go and heal him.'"

Matthew 8:8 "The centurion replied, 'Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.'"

Matthew 8:9 "For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

Matthew 8:10 "When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, 'I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with great faith.'"

Matthew 8:11 "I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 8:12 "But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 8:13 "Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go! It will be done as you believed it would.' And his servant was healed at that very hour."

A centurion was a career military officer in the Roman army with control over 100 soldiers. Roman soldiers, of all people, were hated by the Jews for their oppression, control, and ridicule. Yet this man's genuine faith amazed Jesus! This hated Gentile's faith put to shame the stagnant piety of many of the Jewish religious leaders.

Jesus told the crowd that many religious Jews who should be in the kingdom would be excluded because of their lack of faith. Entrenched in their religious traditions, they could not accept Christ and his new message. We must be careful not to become so set in our religious habits that we expect God to work only in specified ways. Don't limit God by your mind-set and lack of faith.

"The east and the west" stands for the four corners of the earth. All the faithful people of God will be gathered to the feast with the Messiah (Isaiah 6; Isaiah 55). The Jews should have known when the Messiah came, his blessings would be for Gentiles also (see Isaiah 66:12, 19). But this message came as a shock because they were too wrapped up in their own affairs and destiny. In claiming God's promises, we must not apply them so personally that we forget to see what God wants to do to reach *all* the people he loves.

Luke 7:2 "There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die".

Luke 7:3 "The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant."

Why did the centurion send Jewish elders to Jesus instead of going himself? Since he was well aware of the Jewish hatred for Roman soldiers, he may not have wanted to interrupt a Jewish gathering. As an army captain, he daily delegated work and sent groups on missions, so this was how he chose to get his message to Jesus.

Matthew 8:5 says the Roman centurion visited Jesus himself, while Luke 7:3 says he sent Jewish elders to present his request to Jesus. In dealing with the messengers, Jesus was dealing with the centurion. For his Jewish audience, Matthew emphasized the man's faith. For his Gentile audience, Luke highlighted the good relationship between the Jewish elders and the Roman centurion.

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Luke 7:4 "When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, '"

Luke 7:5 "because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

Luke 7:6 "So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: 'Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.'"

Luke 7:7 "That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed."

Luke 7:8 "For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

The Roman centurion didn't come to Jesus, and he didn't expect Jesus to come to him. Just as this officer did not need to be present to have his orders carried out, so Jesus didn't need to be present to heal. The centurion's faith was especially

amazing because he was a Gentile who had not been brought up to know a loving God.

Luke 7:9 "When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, I have not found such faith even in Israel.'"

Luke 7:10 "Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well."

Healing requires faith today just as it did two thousand years ago.

Matthew 8:14 "When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever."

Matthew 8:15 "He touched her hand and the fever left her, and got up and began to wait on him."

Peter's mother-in-law gives us a beautiful example to follow. Her response to Jesus' touch was to wait on Jesus and his disciples—immediately. Has God ever helped you through a dangerous or difficult situation? If so, you should ask, "How can I express my gratitude to him?" Because God has promised us all the rewards of his kingdom, we should look for ways to serve him and his followers now.

Mark 1:30 "Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her."

Mark 1:31 "And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them."

Each Gospel writer had a slightly different perspective as he wrote; thus the comparable stories in the Gospels often highlight different details. In Matthew, Jesus touched the woman's hand. In Mark, he helped her up. In Luke, he spoke to the fever, and it left her. The accounts do not conflict. Each writer chose to emphasize different details of the story in order to emphasize a certain characteristic of Jesus.

Luke 4:38 "Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her."

Luke 4:39 "So he bent over her and the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them."

Again we see Jesus healing someone by laying hands on the person. Notice that she was up and was healed. This is an important principle we will see over and over in these Scripture passages. It is important for the sick person to put his or her faith into action. Many times the healings don't happen until people mix action with their faith. This is just as true today as it was in the first century.

Also, notice Jesus did not pray for the woman to be healed, He told the fever to go and rebuked it, and it left her. Healing often works exactly the same way today.

Matthew 8:16 "When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he spoke to the spirits with a word and healed the sick."

Matthew 8:17 "This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.'"

How could the disciples experience so many of Jesus' miracles and yet be so slow to comprehend who he was? They had already seen Jesus feed over 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish (Mark 6:35-44), yet here they doubted whether he could feed another large group.

Sometimes we are also slow to learn. Although, Christ has brought us through trials and temptations in the past, we don't believe that he will do it in the future. Is your heart too closed to take in all that God can do for you? Don't be like the disciples. Remember what Christ has done, and have faith He will do it again

Chapter 6

Healing Is A Good Gift From God!

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Healing is a wonderful gift from God, and here again is another proof He does not change. What He did yesterday, He will do again today - Praise the Lord, He is still the Healer!!!

1 Corinthians 3:21-22 "Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come--all are yours."

This says it so clear. The Lord is holding nothing back from us. Healing is included in the claim of "all things" and certainly is included in the word "life". Begin to praise the Lord for your healing, that is a gift to you from the Lord, and the manifestation that will come as you receive the promise by faith.

Romans 11:29 "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

He's the giver of gifts. He doesn't take them back, they cannot be canceled!

Philippians 2:13 "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for his good pleasure."

What do we do when we don't feel like obeying? God has not left us alone in our struggles to do his will. He wants to come alongside us, and be within us to help. God helps us *want* to obey him and then gives us the *power* to do what he wants. The secret to a changed life is to submit to God's control, and let him work. Next time, ask God to help you *want* to do his will.

To be like Christ, we must train ourselves to think like Christ. To change our desires to be more like Christ's, we need the power of the indwelling Spirit (Phil. 1:19), the influence of faithful Christians, and obedience to God's Word (not just exposure to it), and sacrificial service. Often it is in *doing* God's will that we gain

the *desire* to do it (see Phil. 4:8-9). Do what he wants and trust him to change your desires.

Matthew 11:28 (Amplified Version) "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]"

The word 'rest' here literally means to cease from toil or labor in order to recover and collect his strength. It implies a feeling of wholeness and Well-being. Place your focus onto Jesus and all He has purchased for you. Take the focus off of the circumstances, and begin praising Him for all that He has done for you. You are highly favored by God - He's given it all to you. Spend time each day just loving on God. Come to Him through intimate worship, and experience this rest.

Deuteronomy 29:29 "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

This Scripture makes it so clear that healing and health belong to you and your posterity - family line. Healing has been revealed to us through the Word of God - declared to us through the shed covenant Blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. Every Scripture on this page is declaring your revealed covenant right. Dig in and take hold of it by faith and refuse to let go of your birthright!

James 5:14-15 "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

James is referring to someone who is incapacitated physically. In Scripture, oil was both a medicine (see the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37) and a symbol of the Spirit of God (as used in anointing kings, see 1 Samuel 16:1-13). Thus oil can represent both the medical and the spiritual spheres of life. Christians should not separate the physical and the spiritual—Jesus Christ is Lord over both the body and the spirit.

People in the church are not alone. Members of Christ's body should be able to count on others for support and prayer, especially when they are sick or suffering.

The elders should be on call to respond to the illness of any member. The church should stay alert to pray for the needs of all its members.

Matthew 8:2 "A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.'"

Matthew 8:3 "Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am ,' he said 'clean!' Immediately he was cured of his leprosy."

Mark 1:40 "A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, 'If you are willing, you can make me clean.'"

Mark 1:41 "With compassion, Jesus reached out his hand to the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'be clean!' immediately Jesus healed the sick person."

It is still His will to heal people today. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

Mark 1:42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

Luke 5:12 "While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.'"

Luke 5:13 "Jesus reached out his hand and said to the man. 'I am ,' he said. "be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him."

Jesus was willing to heal the sick back then, and He is still willing to heal the sick today. Notice He did the healing by laying hands on the man. and the man's body to be healed. Jesus did not pray for the healing (in the sense of asking God to heal the man). He commanded it. Healing works exactly the same way today.

Mark 1:32 "That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed."

Mark 1:33 "The whole town gathered at the door."

Mark 1:34 "and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was."

The people came to Jesus in the evening after sunset. This was the Sabbath (Mark 1:21), their day of rest, lasting from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. The Jewish

leaders had proclaimed it was against the law to be healed on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:10; Luke 13:14). The people didn't want to break this law or the Jewish law that prohibited traveling on the Sabbath, so they waited until sunset. After the sun went down, the crowds were free to find Jesus so he could heal them.

Why didn't Jesus want the demons to reveal who he was? (1) By commanding the demons to remain silent, Jesus proved his authority and power over them. (2) Jesus wanted the people to believe he was the Messiah because of what he said and did, not because of the demons' words. (3) Jesus wanted to reveal his identity as the Messiah according to his timetable, not according to Satan's timetable. Satan wanted the people to follow Jesus around for what they could get out of him, not because he was the Son of God who could truly set them free from sin's guilt and power.

Luke 4:40 "When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus who had various kinds of sickness, and his hands on each one, he healed them."

Luke 4:41 "Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ."

Over and over Jesus healed of the sick people who were brought to Him. It is His will to heal, then and now. Notice that He did not pray for the demons to leave, He told them not to reveal who He was, and told them to leave. He sent them out with a word. Deliverance works just the same way today, and is often just as easy as in this passage.

Chapter 7

We Have Been Redeemed Out From Under The Bondage Of Sickness & Disease!

Galatians 3:13-14 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree: That the blessings of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ."

The curse of the law includes sickness and disease, and is found in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. The first 14 verses of the chapter pertain to the blessing, and the rest of the chapter describes the curse! By the shed Blood of Jesus Christ we were purchased out of or out from under the curse!!! Especially look at verse 61, it states all sickness and all disease in the world, even those not written in the Book, so therefore we are redeemed from it all!!!

Proverbs 26:2 "Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight."

As we continue in Christ, the curse has no right to take root in our lives. Take a firm stand against it, and command its effects to leave in the Name of Jesus! You are a child of the King.

Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." And the effects of death and the curse!

This Spirit of life is the Holy Spirit. He was present at the creation of the world (Genesis 1:2), and he is the power behind the rebirth of every Christian. He gives us the power we need to live the Christian life. For more about the Holy Spirit, read the notes on John 3:6; Acts 1:3; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 1:5.

Colossians 1:13 "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love"

Remember there is no sickness or disease in the kingdom of God! Here again is another wonderful scripture proving your birthright of healing.

1 John 3:8b "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Read the Amplified Bible version: "The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]."

There is no doubt sickness and diseases are works of the devil, introduced to mankind through the fall as part of the curse. This Scripture is very clear that Jesus came to undo the works of the devil. Be assured He accomplished His task- further proof sickness and disease have no legal right to remain in your body as a child of God! Command it to go in Jesus Name!

2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

If you are born-again, if you've asked Jesus to come into your heart, then you are saved. You are a child of God, and the Spirit of God dwells within your heart - make no mistake about it!!! Therefore, according to this Scripture, freedom and liberty from bondage in any form belong to you. You should expect it. It's your covenant right. Receive this as the truth that it is, personally for yourself right now!!! Lift your hands to the Lord and begin to praise Him, and worship Him for His goodness to you.

John 8:36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

The Greek thought here is not just free, but really and unquestionably free. The Amplified version reads: "So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free." Let this truth of victory soak down deep into your heart and dispell all thoughts of doubt and fear. Praise God, sickness and disease have no right to be in us, they cannot stay, they have to go! Shout it out - "I'm a free man!"

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over in these Scripture passages. It is important for the sick person to put his or her faith into action. Many times the healings don't happen until people mix action with their faith. This is just as true today as it was in the first century. Also, notice Jesus did not pray for the woman to be healed, He talked to the fever and rebuked it. The fever left her. Healing often works exactly the same way today.

Matthew 9:2 "Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.'"
Matthew 9:3 "At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, 'This fellow is blaspheming!'."

Among the first words Jesus said to the paralyzed man were "Your sins are forgiven." Then he healed the man. We must be careful not to concentrate on God's power to heal physical sickness more than on his power to forgive spiritual sickness in the form of sin. Jesus saw this fact even more than physical health. This man needed spiritual health. Spiritual health comes only from Jesus' healing touch.

Both the man's body and his spirit were paralyzed—he could not walk, and he did not know Jesus. But the man's spiritual state was Jesus' first concern. If God does not heal us, or someone we love, we need to remember physical healing is not Christ's only concern. We will all be completely healed in Christ's coming kingdom; but first we have to come to know Jesus.

Matthew 9:4 "Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, 'Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?'"

Matthew 9:5 "That is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'"

Blaspheming is claiming to be God and applying his characteristics to yourself. The religious leaders rightly saw Jesus was claiming to be God. What they did not understand was he *was* God and thus had the authority to heal and to forgive sins.

Matthew 9:6" But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . .' Then he said to the paralytic, take up, take your mat and go home."

Matthew 9:7 "And the man got up and went home."

Matthew 9:8 "When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they

praised God, who had given such authority to men."

It's easy to tell someone his sins are forgiven. It's a lot more difficult to reverse a case of paralysis! Jesus backed up his words by healing the man's legs. Jesus' action showed his words were true; he had the power to forgive as well as to heal. Talk is cheap, but our words lack meaning if our actions do not back them up. We can say we love God or others, but if we are not taking practical steps to demonstrate that love, our words are empty and meaningless. How well do your actions back up what you say?

Matthew was a Jew who was appointed by the Romans to be the area's tax collector. He collected taxes from the citizens as well as from merchants passing through town. Tax collectors were expected to take a commission on the taxes they collected, but most of them overcharged and kept the profits. Thus, tax collectors were hated by the Jews because of their reputation for cheating and because of their support of Rome.

When Jesus called Matthew to be one of his disciples, Matthew got up and followed, leaving a lucrative career. When God calls you to follow or obey him, do you do it with as much abandon as Matthew? Sometimes the decision to follow Christ requires difficult or painful choices. Like Matthew, we must decide to leave behind those things that would keep us from following Christ.

Luke 5:17 "One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick".

It wasn't the paralytic's faith that impressed Jesus, but the faith of his friends. Jesus responded to their faith and healed the man. For better or worse, our faith affects others. We cannot make another person a Christian, but we can do much through our words, actions, and love to give him or her a chance to respond. Look for opportunities to bring your friends to the living Christ.

Luke 5:18 "Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus."

Luke 5:19 "When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus".

Luke 5:20 "Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'"

The religious leaders spent much time defining and discussing the huge body of religious tradition that had been accumulating for more than 400 years since the Jews' return from exile. They were so concerned with these man-made traditions, in fact, that they often lost sight of Scripture. Here these leaders felt threatened because Jesus challenged their sincerity and because the people were flocking to him.

In Bible times, houses were built of stone and had flat roofs made of mud mixed with straw. Outside stairways led to the roof. These men carried their friend up the stairs to the roof where they took apart as much of the mud and straw mixture as was necessary to lower him in front of Jesus.

Luke 5:21 "The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?'"

Luke 5:22 "Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, 'Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?'"

Luke 5:23 "That is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'"

When Jesus told the paralytic his sins were forgiven, the Jewish leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy—claiming to be God or to do what only God can do. In Jewish law, blasphemy was punishable by death (Leviticus 24:16). In labeling Jesus' claim to forgive sins blasphemous, the religious leaders showed they did not understand Jesus *is* God, and he has God's power to heal both the body and the soul. Forgiveness of sins was a sign the Messianic age had come (Isaiah 40:2; Joel 2:32; Micah 7:18-19; Zech. 13:1).

Luke 5:24 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . .He said to the paralyzed man, I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Luke 5:25 "Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God."

Here again we see healing requires faith. Also, we see Jesus talking to the man to be healed (not praying for God to heal the man), and we see the man putting his faith into action and then receiving his healing."

Chapter 8

Ask The Father in Jesus name

Isaiah 43:25-26 "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins. Put Me in remembrance; let us contend together; state your case, that you may be acquitted."

Your case was settled when Jesus went to the cross in your behalf! If you have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord then "It is finished!!!"
Your Words Are Important!

Isaiah 57:19 "I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him."

The word "fruit" here means produce. God creates what you produce from your mouth when we believe and speak the Word of God

Mark 11:22-23 "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things that he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

What kind of mountains or obstacles do you have in your life right now? Obey Jesus and command that mountain of pain, cancer, disease, to go now out of your body in the Name of Jesus. Jesus said you can have what you say. Begin to call your body whole, healed, well - don't stop, don't listen to your body, don't listen to doubt and fear, listen to Jesus, listen to His Word!

Job 22:26-28 "For then you will delight in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God. You will pray to Him, and He will hear you; and you will pay your vows. You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you; and light will shine on your ways.

Give voice to the promises in the Word, and lay claim to them as your inheritance. Decree that you are healed! "Lord, you said that by your stripes I am healed, so on the authority of Your Word, I decree that I am healed and that sickness and disease have no hold on me and they must go in the Name of Jesus!"

Remember To Give Testimony Of Your Healing!

Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..."

When your healing manifests itself and you recover and have the opportunity to testify to the grace of the Lord - Do it!!! The Lord wants you to give glory to Him for what He has done and it will also serve to help build faith in someone else who has a need.

Hold On To Your Healing

Nahum 1:7,9b "The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.... He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time." NOTE - After you've received the manifestation of healing, this becomes

No person on earth can safely defy God, the Almighty, the Creator of all the universe. God, who controls the sun, the galaxies, and the vast stretches beyond, also controls the rise and fall of nations. How could a small temporal kingdom like Assyria, no matter how powerful, challenge God's awesome power? If only Assyria could have looked ahead to see the desolate mound of rubble that it would become—and yet God would still be alive and well! Don't defy God; he will be here forever with greater power than that of all armies and nations combined.

To people who refuse to believe, God's punishment is like an angry fire. To those who love him, his mercy is a refuge, supplying all their needs without diminishing his supply. But to God's enemies he is an overwhelming flood that will sweep them away. The relationship we have with God is up to us. What kind of relationship will you choose?

Jer 1:12.....I am ready to perform My Word.

The vision of the branch of an almond tree revealed the beginning of God's judgment because the almond tree is among the first to blossom in the spring. God saw the sins of Judah and the nations, and he would carry out swift and certain judgment. The boiling pot tilting away from the north and spilling over Judah pictured Babylon delivering God's scalding judgment against Jeremiah's people.

Jn 16:24.....Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Because the disciples were still expecting Jesus to establish an earthly kingdom and overthrow Rome, they found it hard to understand why he did not tell the world at large that he was the Messiah. Not everyone, however, could understand Jesus' message. Ever since Pentecost, the gospel of the kingdom has been proclaimed in the whole world, and yet not everyone is receptive to it. Jesus saves the deepest revelations of himself for those who love and obey him.

Mt 21:22.....whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

This verse is not a guarantee that we can get *anything* we want simply by asking Jesus and believing. God does not grant requests that would hurt us or others or that would violate his own nature or will. Jesus' statement is not a blank check. To be fulfilled, our requests must be in harmony with the principles of God's kingdom. The stronger our belief, the more likely our prayers will be in line with God's will, and then God will be happy to grant them.

Jer 33:3.....Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things...

God assured Jeremiah that he had only to call to God and God would answer (see also Psalm 145:18; Isaiah 58:9; Matthew 7:7). God is ready to answer our prayers, but we must ask for his assistance. Surely God could take care of our needs without our asking. But when we ask, we are acknowledging that he alone is God and that we cannot accomplish in our own strength all that is his domain to do.

When we ask, we must humble ourselves, lay aside our willfulness and worry, and determine to obey him.

Jn 14:14.....If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

When Jesus says we can ask for anything, we must remember that our asking must be in his name—that is, according to God’s character and will. God will not grant requests contrary to his nature or his will, and we cannot use his name as a magic formula to fulfill our selfish desires. If we are sincerely following God and seeking to do his will, then our requests will be in line with what he wants, and he will grant them. (See also John 15:16; John 16:23.)

Jn 16:23.....whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

Jesus is talking about a new relationship between the believer and God. Previously, people approached God through priests. After Jesus’ resurrection, any believer could approach God directly. A new day has dawned and now all believers are priests, talking with God personally and directly (see Hebrews 10:19-23). We approach God, not because of our own merit, but because Jesus, our great high priest, has made us acceptable to God.

Jas 5:16.....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Christ has made it possible for us to go directly to God for forgiveness. But confessing our sins to each other still has an important place in the life of the church. (1) If we have sinned against an individual, we must ask him or her to forgive us. (2) If our sin has affected the church, we must confess it publicly. (3) If

we need loving support as we struggle with a sin, we should confess that sin to those who are able to provide that support. (4) If, after confessing a private sin to God, we still don't feel his forgiveness, we may wish to confess that sin to a fellow believer and hear him or her assure us of God's pardon. In Christ's kingdom, every believer is a priest to other believers (1 Peter 2:9).

The Christian's most powerful resource is communion with God through prayer. The results are often greater than we thought were possible. Some people see prayer as a last resort to be tried when all else fails. This approach is backward. Prayer should come first. Because God's power is infinitely greater than ours, it only makes sense to rely on it—especially because God encourages us to do so.

Job 22:27.....You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you...

Several times Job's friends showed a partial knowledge of God's truth and character, but they had trouble accurately applying this truth to life. Such was the case with Eliphaz, who gave a beautiful summary of repentance. He was correct in saying that we must ask for God's forgiveness when we sin, but his statement did not apply to Job, who had already sought God's forgiveness (Job 7:20-21; Job 9:20; Job 13:23) and had lived closely in touch with God all along.

1Jn 5:14.....Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1Jn 5:15.....And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

The emphasis here is on God's will, not our will. When we communicate with God, we don't demand what we want; rather we discuss with him what *he* wants

for us. If we align our prayers to his will, he will listen; and we can be certain that if he listens, he will give us a definite answer. Start praying with confidence!

Jn 14:13.....And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Isaiah 55:11.....So shall my word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for that I sent it.

The people of Israel were foolish to act as if they knew what God was thinking and planning. His knowledge and wisdom are far greater than man's. We are foolish to try to fit God into our mold—to make his plans and purposes conform to ours. Instead, we must strive to fit into *his* plans.

Jn 15:7.....If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Many people try to be good, honest people who do what is right. But Jesus says that the only way to live a truly good life is to stay close to him, like a branch attached to the vine. Apart from Christ our efforts are unfruitful. Are you receiving the nourishment and life offered by Christ, the vine? If not, you are missing a special gift he has for you.

Mt 18:18.....Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Mt 18:19.....Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

This *binding* and *loosing* refers to the decisions of the church in conflicts. Among believers, there is no court of appeals beyond the church. Ideally, the church's decisions should be God-guided and based on discernment of his Word. Believers have the responsibility, therefore, to bring their problems to the church, and the church has the responsibility to use God's guidance in seeking to resolve conflicts. Handling problems God's way will have an impact now and for eternity.

Jesus looked ahead to a new day when he would be present with his followers not in body, but through his Holy Spirit. In the body of believers (the church), the sincere agreement of two people is more powerful than the superficial agreement of thousands, because Christ's Holy Spirit is with them. Two or more believers, *filled with the Holy Spirit*, will pray according to God's will, not their own; thus their requests will be granted.

Jn 15:16.....You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Jesus made the first choice—to love and to die for us, to invite us to live with him forever. We make the next choice—to accept or reject his offer. Without *his* choice, we would have no choice to make.

Jer 29:12.....Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

God did not forget his people, even though they were captive in Babylon. He planned to give them a new beginning with a new purpose—to turn them into new people. In times of deep trouble, it may appear as though God has forgotten you. But God may be preparing you, as he did the people of Judah, for a new beginning with him at the center.

According to God's wise plan, his people were to have hope and a future; consequently they could call upon him in confidence. Although the exiles were in a difficult place and time, they should not despair because they had God's presence, the privilege of prayer, and God's grace. God can be sought and found when we seek him wholeheartedly. Neither strange lands, sorrows, frustration, nor physical problems can break that communion.

Isa 65:24.....It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer, and while they are speaking I will hear.

we have a pictorial description of the new heavens and the new earth. They are eternal, and in them safety, peace, and plenty will be available to all (see also Isaiah 66:22-23; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1). Isaiah 65:20-25 may refer to the reign of Christ on earth because sin and death have not yet been finally destroyed.

Psa 91:15.....He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

Psa 141:2.....Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

“The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts” (James 3:5). On the average, a person opens his or her mouth approximately 700 times a day to speak. David wisely asked God to help keep him from speaking evil—sometimes even as he underwent persecution. Jesus himself was silent before his accusers (Matthew 26:63). Knowing the power of the tongue, we would do well to ask God to guard what we say so that our words will bring honor to his name

Chapter 9

State Your Case To God!

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Mark 10:49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."

Mark 10:50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

Mark 10:51 "do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

Mark 10:52 "Go," said Jesus, "faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Luke 18:35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

Luke 18:36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

Luke 18:37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

Luke 18:38 He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Luke 18:39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Luke 18:40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him,

Luke 18:41 "do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.

Luke 18:42 Jesus said to him, "your sight; faith has healed you."

Luke 18:43 immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Another important principle is being demonstrated here. Notice that Jesus interviewed the blind men in order to determine what healing they needed. This is equally important when we are ministering healing today. We need to determine what the physical problem is, what the medical diagnosis is, how the problem happened (car accident, etc.), where the pain or affliction is in the body, and so on. This information helps us to lay hands on or near the actual affliction and to command healing for the specific problem. Notice that Jesus laid hands on the specific area of the men's affliction, their eyes.

Matthew 21:14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

Mark 1:23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out,

Mark 1:24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"

Mark 1:25 "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!"

Mark 1:26 The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a

shriek.

Luke 4:33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice,

Luke 4:34 "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"

Luke 4:35 "quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. Mark 1:30-31 (see Matthew 8:14-15)

A man possessed by a demon was in the synagogue where Jesus was teaching. This man made his way into the place of worship and verbally abused Jesus. It is naive to think that we will be sheltered from evil in the church. Satan is happy to invade our presence wherever and whenever he can. But Jesus' authority is much greater than Satan's; and where Jesus is present, demons cannot stay for long.

Mark 1:32-34

And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. [33] And all the city was gathered together at the door. [34] And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

The people came to Jesus in the evening after sunset. This was the Sabbath (Mark 1:21), their day of rest, lasting from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. The Jewish leaders had proclaimed that it was against the law to be healed on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:10; Luke 13:14). The people didn't want to break this law or the Jewish law that prohibited traveling on the Sabbath, so they waited until sunset. After the sun went down, the crowds were free to find Jesus so he could heal them.

Mark 2:3-12

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, that was borne of four. [4] And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. [5] When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. [6] But there were certain of the scribes

sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, [7] Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? [8] And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? [9] Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? [10] But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) [11] I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. [12] And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

This is the first time in Mark that Jesus is referred to as the “Son of Man.” The title *Son of Man* emphasizes that Jesus is fully human, while *Son of God* (see, for example, John 20:31) emphasizes that he is fully God. As God’s Son, Jesus has the authority to forgive sin. As a man, he can identify with our deepest needs and sufferings and help us overcome sin (see the note on □Mark 8:29-31).

Mark 3:1-5

And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there that had a withered hand. [2] And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. [3] And he saith unto the man that had the withered hand, Stand forth. [4] And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. [5] And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Already the Pharisees had turned against Jesus. They were jealous of his popularity, his miracles, and the authority in his teaching and actions. They valued their status in the community and their opportunity for personal gain so much that they lost sight of their goal as religious leaders—to point people toward God. Of all people, the Pharisees should have recognized the Messiah, but they refused to acknowledge him because they were not willing to give up their treasured position and power. When Jesus exposed their attitudes, he became their enemy instead of their Messiah, and they began looking for ways to turn the people against him.

Chapter 10

SCRIPTURAL HEALING

Divine healing is the POWER OF GOD to heal the sick in answer to believing prayer.

It is a GIFT of God to those who believe, just as salvation or the baptism with the Holy Spirit is a GIFT to those who believe.

Isaiah 53:1-12

"(1)Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? [2] For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. [3] He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

"[4] Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. [8] He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. [9] And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

"[10] Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. [11] He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. [12] Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the

transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

We DO NOT receive healing because we are good or deserve it.

We receive healing because Jesus Christ paid for it at the whipping post, and it is ours for the asking if we believe,

1 Peter 2:24

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

Christ has bore our grief's, carried our sorrows, was wounded for our transgressions, was bruised for our iniquities, and with His stripes we are healed,

JESUS PAID THE TOTAL PRICE, FOR THE TOTAL DELIVERANCE, FOR THE TOTAL PERSON.

Scripture indicates the soul is in need of healing when we fail to keep the commandments of God (III John 1:2). **WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION?**

3 John 1:2

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT CAUSE SICKNESS

1. Intemperance, Proverbs 25:16 and Psalm 127:2.
2. Sin, John 5:5-14.
3. Disobedience and murmuring, Exodus 15:22-26.
4. Speaking against God's anointed, Numbers 12:1-15.
5. Satan, Job 1 and Job 2:7.

BELIEVING PRAYER

"The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much," James 5:16.

FAITH has always been the prerequisite for divine healing. Look at the many times Jesus healed while He was here on earth.

Scriptural examples:

1. The paralytic healed (Luke 5:17-20). Who had faith?
2. The centurion's servant healed (Luke 7:1-10). Who had faith?
3. The women bowed together for 18 years (Luke 13:10-13). Who had faith?

OTHER METHODS,

James 5:13-16. "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and LET THEM PRAY over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." "Confess your faults one to another, and PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, that ye may be healed."

PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS

Basically all illness comes from Satan. He is the one who has come to steal, kill, and destroy (John 3:8).

"And I (Jesus) will give you (followers) the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

"Cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corinthians 10:3-5).

THE GREAT COMMISSION

MARK 16:15-20: "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE, AND THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW."

How Do We Receive Healing?

Most Christians are unaware, our Heavenly Father strongly desires, for us to be healed, and Jesus our Lord paid the price for us to be healed. Healing for the body and soul were provided for in the Old Testament, and it was prophesized in the Old Testament, healing would be provided for in the New Testament, by the stripes on Jesus' back.

Sometimes when you are still a babe in Christ, God will heal, and do many things for you because you are still a babe. But as you get older in the Lord, we are expected to grow up, develop our faith through study and learn to trust God.

The book of Hebrews says, "But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them (who-soever) that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Jesus in all four gospels, would ask a person, what do you want? After the person spoke what he or she believed Jesus could do, they received their healing. Paul's words agree with what Jesus said, in Romans 10:8-17, he said, faith comes by hearing the Word, believing the Word and speaking forth the Word, through the mouth.

A Sample Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I thank you for paying the price for my healing, by the stripes on your back. Thank you for loving me that much. I ask you to let your healing virtue flow from the top of my head to the tip of my toe and heal my (Name the condition by name). Thank you Father in Jesus name. Amen

Chapter 11

Be Made Whole

A RULER CAME FOR THE HEALING OF HIS DAUGHTER

Matt. 9:17-22 "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runs out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved. While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, my daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, behold, a woman, that was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour."

ALL IN GENNESARET WERE HEALED:

Matt. 14:30-36 "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole."

A WOMAN SEEKS DELIVERANCE FOR HER DEMON POSSESSED DAUGHTER:

Matt. 15:22-28 "And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she cries after us. But

he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. "

There was Jesus Home town where he DID few might works because of their unbelief.

Matthew 13:57-58 "And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, a prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN:

Mark 10:51-52 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, what wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way

TEN LEPERS HEALED:

Luke 17:12-19 "And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, that stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

MAN AT THE POOL AT BETHESDA WAS HEALED.

John 5:1-16 "After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, that is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an

angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, that had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steps down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, what man is that that said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, that had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the Sabbath day."

WHEN WE TAKE COMMUNION. WE HONOR THE BREAD (THAT IS THE BROKEN BODY)

WE HONOR THE WINE, THAT IS THE BLOOD CHRIST SHED FOR OUR SINS.

"And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you: for this is my blood of the covenant, that is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Matt. 26:27). Jesus took the wine of the Passover while they were eating to depict the blood of atonement. The blood of the covenant sealed God's promise.

The life is in the blood. Jesus gave his life for us. Our drinking of the cup symbolizes our continuous sharing of his restored life. We continually commit ourselves to his covenant.

"This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Our observance is not just a memorial of the historical Jesus but it is a repeated recognition of his giving his life for ours. Having died, been buried, and raised with him symbolically in baptism, we identify with him as one. We remember and openly acknowledge that he is our very life, for he took our sins that bring death.

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Chapter 12

PARDON AND HEALING

(Matthew 9:6)

"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith He to the sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed and go unto thine house".

In man two natures are combined. He is at the same time spirit and matter, heaven and earth, soul and body. For this reason, on one side he is the son of God, and on the other he is doomed to destruction because of the Fall; sin in his soul and sickness in his body bear witness to the right that death has over him.

It is the twofold nature that has been redeemed by divine grace. When the Psalmist calls upon all that is within him to bless the Lord for His benefits, he cries, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, Who... forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy diseases"(Psalm 103:2-3).

When Isaiah foretells the deliverance of his people, he adds, "The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity"(Isaiah 33:24).

Many were the healings wrought by Him who was come to establish upon earth the kingdom of heaven! Whether by His own acts or whether afterwards by the commands that He left for His disciples, does He not show us clearly that the preaching of the Gospel and the healing of the sick went together in the salvation that He came to bring? Both are given as evident proof of His mission as the Messiah:

"The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them"(Matthew 11: 5).

Jesus, who took upon Him the soul and body of man, delivers both in equal measure from the consequences of sin.

This truth is nowhere more evident or better demonstrated than in the history of the paralytic. The Lord Jesus begins by saying to him,

"Thy sins be forgiven thee," [Matthew 9:5] after that He adds, "Arise, take up thy bed and go." The pardon of sin and the healing of sickness complete one the other, for in the eyes of God, who sees our entire nature, sin and sickness are as closely united as the body and the soul.

But neither the Scripture nor yet Jesus Christ Himself ever spoke of sickness in this light, nor do they ever present sickness as a blessing, as a proof of God's love that should be borne with patience. The Lord spoke to the disciples of divers sufferings that they should have to bear, but when He speaks of sickness, it is always as of an evil caused by sin and Satan, and from that we should be delivered. Very solemnly He declared that every disciple of His would have to bear his cross (Matthew 16:24), but He never taught one sick person to resign himself to be sick. Everywhere Jesus healed the sick, everywhere He dealt with healing as one of the graces belonging to the kingdom of heaven. Sin in the soul and sickness in the body both bear witness to the power of Satan, and "the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil" (I John 3:8).

Jesus came to deliver men from sin and sickness that He might make known the love of the Father. In His teaching of the disciples, in the work of the apostles, pardon and healing are always to be found together. Either the one or the other may doubtless appear more in relief, according to the development or the faith of those to whom they spoke.

Sometimes it was healing that prepared the way for the acceptance of forgiveness, sometimes it was forgiveness that preceded the healing, that, coming afterwards, became a seal to it. In the early part of His ministry, Jesus cured many of the sick, finding them ready to believe in the possibility of their healing. In this way He sought to influence hearts to receive Himself as He who is able to pardon sin. When He saw that the paralytic could receive pardon at once, He began by that that was of the greatest importance; after that came the healing that put a seal on the pardon that had been accorded to him.

We see, by the accounts given in the Gospels, that it was more difficult for the Jews at that time to believe in the pardon of their sins than in divine healing. The Christian Church has heard so much of the preaching of the forgiveness of sins that the thirsty soul easily receives this message of grace; but it is not the same with

divine healing; that is rarely spoken of; the believers who have experienced it are not many. It is true that healing is not given in this day as in those times, to the multitudes that Christ healed without any previous conversion. In order to receive it, it is necessary to begin by confession of sin and the purpose to live a holy life. This is without doubt the reason why people find more difficulty to believe in healing than in forgiveness; and this is also why those who receive healing receive at the same time new spiritual blessing, feel more closely united to the Lord Jesus, and learn to love and serve Him better. Unbelief may attempt to separate these two gifts, but they are always united in Christ. He is always the same Savior both of the soul and of the body, equally ready to grant pardon and healing.

The redeemed may always cry: "Bless the Lord, O my soul., Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy diseases"(Psalm 103:2-3).

Chapter 13

BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF

"Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you"(Matthew 17:19-20).

When the Lord Jesus sent His disciples into different parts of Palestine, He endued them with a double power, that of casting out unclean spirits and that of healing all sickness and all infirmity (Matthew 10:1). He did the same for the seventy who came back to Him with joy, saying, "Lord, even the spirits are subject unto us through Thy Name" (Luke 10:17). On the day of the Transfiguration, while the Lord was still upon the mountain, a father brought his son who was possessed with a demon, to His disciples, beseeching them to cast out the evil spirit, but they could not. When, after Jesus had cured the child, the disciples asked Him why they had been unable to do it themselves as in other cases, He answered them, "Because of your unbelief." It was, then, their unbelief, and not the will of God that had been the cause of their defeat.

Today, divine healing is very little believed in, because it has almost entirely disappeared from the Christian Church. One may ask the reason, and here are the two answers that have been given.

The greater number think that miracles, the gift of healing included, should be limited to the time of the primitive Church, that their object was to establish the first foundation of Christianity, but that from that time circumstances have altered.

Other believers say that if the Church has lost these gifts, it is by her own fault; it is because she has become worldly that the Spirit acts but feebly in her; it is because she has not remained in direct and habitual relation with the full power of the unseen world.

If the church were to see anew springing up within her men and women who live the life of faith and of the Holy Spirit, entirely consecrated to their God, it would see again the manifestation of the same gifts as in former times.

What Does the Scripture Say?

The Bible does not authorize us, either by the words of the Lord or His apostles, to believe that the gifts of healing were granted only to the early times of the Church; on the contrary, the promises that Jesus made to the apostles when He gave them instructions concerning their mission, shortly before His ascension, appear to us applicable to all times (Mark 16:15-18).

Mark 16

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Paul places the gift of healing among the operations of the Holy Spirit.

[1 Corinthians 12

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;]

James gives a precise command on this matter without any restriction of time.

[James 5

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.]

The entire Scriptures declare that these graces will be granted according to the measure of the Spirit and of faith.

It is also alleged that at the outset of each new dispensation God works miracles, that it is His ordinary course of action; but it is nothing of the kind. Think of the people of God in the former dispensation, in the time of Abraham, all through the life of Moses, in the exodus from Egypt, under Joshua, in the time of the Judges and of Samuel, under the reign of David and other godly kings up to Daniel's time;

during more than a thousand years miracles took place.

Acts 19

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

If we think of the ignorance and unbelief that reign even in the midst of the Christian nations, are we not driven to conclude that there is a need for manifest acts of the power of God to sustain the testimony of believers and to prove that God is with them? Besides, among believers themselves, how much of doubt, how much of weakness there is!

Faith needs to be awakened and stimulated by some evident proof of the presence of the Lord in their midst. One part of our being consists of flesh and blood; it is therefore in flesh and blood that God wills to manifest His presence.

In order to prove that it is the Church's unbelief that has lost the gift of healing, let us see what the Bible says about it. Does it not often put us on our guard against unbelief, against all that can estrange and turn us from our God? Does not the history of the Church show us the necessity of these warnings? It does furnish us with numerous examples of backward steps, of world pleasing, in that faith grew weak in the exact measure in that the spirit of the world took the upper hand? For such faith is only possible to him who lives in the world invisible.

[2 Corinthians 5

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Until the third century the healings by faith in Christ were numerous, but in the centuries following they became more infrequent. Do we not know from the Bible that it is always unbelief that hinders the mighty working of God?

God has not gone back from His promises; Jesus still He heals both soul and body; salvation offers us even now healing and holiness, and the Holy Spirit is always ready to give us some manifestations of His power. Even when we ask why this divine power is not more often seen, He answers us: "Because of your unbelief."

The more we give ourselves to experience personally sanctification by faith, the more we shall also experience healing by faith. These two doctrines walk abreast. The more the Spirit of God lives and acts in the soul of believers, the more will the

miracles multiply by that He works in the body. Thereby the world can recognize what redemption means.

Chapter 14

What Hinders Healing?

Jesus died on the cross for the atonement of our sins. People did not deserve to have Jesus do that for them. We certainly do not deserve to have anyone die on the cross for our sins. He suffered the torture and pain of a horrible death for us. The third day he arose from having been dead and today He is alive ruling Heaven with God the Father. Praise the Lord!

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Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed

Matt. 8:16-17

When the even was come, they brought unto him any that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled that was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

"With His stripes, we are healed." So why are we walking around with sickness, pain and suffering instead of being healthy and well? This is a good question and through this writing I will attempt to throw some light upon this troublesome subject.

We know that Biblical people were healed, but were there any un-healed people in the Bible? Yes, there was the Apostle Paul himself who had a "thorn in the flesh," and he himself tells us why he did.

2 Cor. 12:7

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

Paul would have to still rely upon the Lord instead of his own puffed up Self pride. He knew that when he was weak, then he was strong through the power of the Holy Spirit. "Pride" could have been his downfall, so "lack" of healing kept

his eyes in reliance toward the Lord. In Paul's case the Lord allowed him to keep the thorn in the flesh from Satan-"lest he should be exalted above measure"

2 Timothy 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

Another person mentioned in the Bible that had a delay in healing for a time was Trophimus. He was a companion to Paul, and was left in the town called Miletum because he was sick. The Lord through Paul healed a lot of people. Why did He take his time healing Trophimus?

There was also Epaphroditus who was sick in presence of the Apostle Paul to the point of almost "dying." The Lord healed many people through Paul, why not heal immediately his two friends? Could it have been that they were too close to Paul, knowing all of his frailties and weaknesses.

Luke 4:24 Verily, I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

What are some of the reasons that people do not receive the manifestation of healing?

The first thing that believers will answer and say is lack of belief and faith. There are other reasons other than that one.

Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

We must do more than just believe, all of the devils and demons believe that there is a God. They were in Heaven, and actually were in the presence of the Lord Almighty. They were with Him before they fell from grace and were cast out of Heaven because of their sins.

We can not get to Heaven ourselves without total, complete surrender of all of our pride. This means that we must have a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We must ask for forgiveness of our sins and ask Him into our hearts accepting His forgiveness. We then can walk in His grace and love knowing that Heaven is our reward. .

Heb. 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

it's God's desire that we all accept him as our Savior and claim that healing anointing through Jesus Christ for us. It is God's desire that we all receive healing. So why do you wonder was Paul left unhealed?

It was not the desire of God to refuse to heal him but the Lord allowed the "thorn in the flesh" (a buffeting spirit) to keep Paul a humble man who had to rely upon the Lord. God knew Paul's heart and special calling upon his life. Winning the souls of the world was at stake by the Salvation of Jesus Christ was at stake! Jesus is alive today as He was then and this means that He can still bring about our healing. Unbelief can hinder healing and He heals in His righteous time.

Remember this important fact, that we all are different and we all have different levels of faith and trials. So be kind to one another seeing each other through the gentle eyes of Jesus. Do not judge each other harshly. Lack of healing may be for a divine reason. Sometimes people receive the manifestation of healing fairly fast, and others seem to take longer, but when we give it to God He is in control of the circumstances.

Everything you say and the way you act when you speak are indispensable to your good health! By professing in a verbal way God's positive healing Words with a positive attitude, you begin to have a manifestation of healing through the positive saving blood of Jesus Christ.

Remember, Romans 10:17 so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. When you speak the Holy Word of God into your life-----boldly with confidence out loud being self-assured in your faith ---- your strength of faith builds, and builds until it has grown large enough to believe accept the Lord's healing power.

What is another way that people do not receive their healing? SIN! Yes, you see there are a number of other reasons why people do not receive their healing. Sin is a strong reason why here is hindrance of healing.

I John 3:21-22 Beloved, if our heart condemns us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

There are any number of things that we do to our bodies that can hinder healing. Illegal drug usage, Cigarette smoking, (if it harms the body, it is sin and we know that cigarette smoking does damage the body,) Prostitution, Homosexuality,

Drinking, Murder, Rape, Lying, Gossiping, Cheating, Stealing etc., are all sins. Anything that hurts the body in a negative way is sin.

Our bodies are vessels of the Holy Spirit and it's a sin to destroy and abuse it. No matter how mild the sin against our body is, if it brings harm in any negative way, then it is sin and we should not do it. Our body becomes a vessel of the Holy Spirit when we ask Jesus to come into our lives. As a child of God and just as we sin against other people, we sin against ourselves when we harm our bodies. When we live our lives with unchanged sin, unchanged attitudes and an unchanged heart, then we have trouble receiving our healing.

Our sins are forgiven as well as receiving healing when we go up for prayer at church. What a wonderful blessing the Lord has given us by His sacrifice that He made upon the cross. When we live our lives in healing faith, our sins are forgiven because we use that faith to believe. These sins are forgiven for past and present sins only! Future sins will still need to be repented for as a person commits them. At the same time we go up for healing prayer, we still have to repent and ask for forgiveness

Just because a person has been forgiven of their sins, does not mean that they are forever without sin. Confession and forgiveness may be the way God uses to bring about salvation through the sickness that Satan has given to a person.

Does God desire healing? Salvation can be the reason for the delay or seemingly lack of healing. Yes, he does, but we must be the kingdom of God. The Lord's timing, always.

Here is another reason that hinders healing, bad attitudes and wrongful thoughts. Negative confession and acting upon one's feelings make a person feel helpless. You are "not" helpless, no matter how sick your mind thinks you are. It helps if you can say your prayers out loud, but if you can only think them God will still hear you even if you pray in your thoughts. Even if the rest of your body cannot move, you can still pray with your mind the thoughts of faithful healing scriptures.

There is so much power in the prayer of a strong believer. It's Holy Spirit anointed and powerful! More power than people normally realizes. Don't underestimate that power of praying. When you pray with all of the faith that you have, the Lord sends His angels to do His bidding on your behalf.

Delegating authority to the right church people helps! Jesus sent His disciples out by twos on various jobs, did He not? Delegation certainly is a healthy answer to

fatigue and burn out! Please understand, that before someone can do any job in ministry, they need to spiritually be moving and flowing on the same level as the Pastor. Spiritual unity is so important to a well run church. All the delegation in the world won't help if people aren't moving at the same level.

Changing one's life style may be in order. This helps bring about healing along with prayer and faith. Wisely exercising and eating wholesome foods on a regular basis is not only wise but it is preventative medicine. It's a lot easier to take the problems of the world on when one has been consistently taking care of one's physical body in a healthy intelligent way.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that that is planted;

Hebrew 9:27-28 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that took for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

We walk by faith knowing that everything is in the perfect will and timing of the Lord. It is like digging a ditch preparing for the rain to come, even though we can't see the rain yet we know it will come. Well trusting in the Lord with our faith is the same way. We prepare and live our lives knowing the Lord will come for us by death or by the rapture, but He will come.

1. To summarize this study, let us again ask ourselves what hinders and delays healing? Un-confessed sin (This deals with unforgiveness towards someone. Holding a grudge and bad feelings towards anyone is sin and this hinders healing.)
2. Believer's thought life and attitudes. (Any worry, fear, and stress have to be brought under control with the help of the Holy Spirit. These can seriously hinder healing.)
4. If your life style possibly is causing a lasting sickness or premature death, then you need to work at changing it. This is where prayer and faith come in to play. (Smoking cigarettes can cause cancer and a mired of related

diseases. Eating right, exercise and changing one's actions can go a long way in living a healthy life.)

2. Death at the appointed time loses its fear when considering eternity in Heaven. Because we do not really know how long we have to live, we still need to be praying for healing and living with solid faith of that healing.
3. Faith and belief go hand in hand in trusting God. (Prayer and Faith must be daily exercised. Prayer and faith must be coupled with the Word of God to receive healthy results. These allow the manifesting of healing to take place in one's life.)

Prayer must continue until healing has taken place. Ask yourself if God might have a reason for the delay or is there anything you can do or change in your lifestyle. Continue to stand in faithful belief that it will soon afterwards happen. Sometimes we will not know until we die and are in Heaven the reason for hindered or delayed healing.

Chapter 15

You Can Be Healed

By Jesus' stripes I am healed. (1Peter 2:24)

It is God's will that I prosper and be in health, just as my soul prospers. (3John 2)

The Lord is my healer: (Ex. 15:26)

Jesus came that I may enjoy life and have it overflowing abundance. (John 10:10)

As I serve the Lord, sickness is taken from my midst. (Ex. 23:25)

Healing is one of God's benefits. (Ps. 103:3)

Jesus is the serpent of the pole lifted up in the New Covenant for my healing and deliverance. (John 3:14)

God sent His Word and healed me. (Ps. 107:20)

I pay attention to God's Word, for it is life to my body and health to my flesh.
(Prov. 4:20-22)

God gives me good and perfect gifts. He has no sickness or disease to give me.
(James 1:17)

As I submit to God and resist the devil, he must flee from me. Sickness and disease must flee from me. (James 4:7)

Jesus is able and willing to heal me. (Matt. 8:1-2)

Jesus can heal me through my believing, receiving, and speaking His Word or through the touch of another believer who is empowered by the Holy Ghost. (Mark 16:18)

Jesus paid for all sin and sickness at Calvary. (Matt. 8:17)

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Heb. 13:8)

Because the Lord is my refuge and habitation, no evil nor plague shall come nigh my dwelling. (Ps. 91:9-11)

I am redeemed with the blood of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:19)

I am justified by faith, not by works of the law. (Gal. 3:13)

Jesus redeemed me from the curse of the law. (Gal. 3:13)

The blessings of Abraham have come upon me. (Deut. 28:1-14)

Jesus legally redeemed me from the bondage of sickness and disease and every other work of the enemy. (Luke 13:10-17)

Jesus bore my grief's (sicknesses) and carried my sorrows (pains). (Is. 53:4)

Jesus was wounded, bruised, and beaten for my sins, sicknesses, and diseases.
(Is.53:5)

I discern the Lord's body and receive all that He has provided for me, including healing for my physical body. (1Cor.11:23-30)

I am diligent to pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ that they may become all God has called them to be. (1Cor. 11:23-30)

To touch Jesus is to made whole. I touch Jesus today through prayer and faith.
(Mark 5:25-34)

The resurrection power of Jesus Christ flows from my tongue as I speak words of life. (Prov. 18:21)

I have been given authority in the name of Jesus to speak to the mountains that I face. As I command the mountains of sickness, despair, hopelessness, and lack to be removed in Jesus' name, they must go and be replaced with the fullness of God's blessings. (Mark 11:22,23)

Because I meditate on the Word of God day and night, God's prosperity and success are overtaking me in all realms of life. (Josh.1:8)

The measure of faith God gave me is growing by leaps and bounds. (Rom. 12:3)

Because my faith is growing, nothing is impossible unto me. (Matt. 17:20)

Jesus is moved with compassion on my behalf. He wants me healed because of His great love for me. (Matt. 14:14)

Satan cannot dominate or oppress my life, because Jesus came to set me free. (1 John 3:8, Acts 10:38)

Just as God's grace was sufficient to cause Paul to overcome all of Satan's buffeting, God's grace causes me to overcome Satan's buffetings.

Christ Jesus causes me to triumph in every area of life. (2 Cor. 12:9,10)

I will rise above anything and everything the devil throws at me. Nothing can keep me down, for I am more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 8:35-39)

Today I will rise to new life from the depression and prostration in that circumstances have kept me. (Is. 60:1)

Jesus is the author of abundant life, while it is Satan who steals kills, and destroys. (John 10:10)

The days of my life are seventy years-and if by reason of strength eighty. (Ps.90:10)

Long life is mine because I obey and honor my parents in the Lord. (Eph. 6:1-3, Ex. 20:12)

My obedience to the Lord prolongs my life. (Prov. 10:27)

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