

NOTES ON DIVINE HEALING



Fundamental Truths, Section 12, states:

“Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isa. 53:4; Matt. 8:16-17; James 5:14-16).”

Note: It is *privilege* of every believer, but not the guarantee!

Note: Isa. 53:4 is indeed talking about physical healing and we can use it to lay claim of that promise in the atonement of Christ. However, the often quoted Isa. 53:5 is not talking about physical healing, it is referring to salvation.

Some fundamental beliefs of mine:

- ❖ **All healing is of God.** Even when done through a Doctor’s hands and talents. There isn’t a Doctor on the face of the earth that can heal anyone. They use their knowledge, talents, and medical procedures to augment the body’s own—God created—ability to heal.
- ❖ **All earthly healing is temporary.** As long as you are in this physical body, you will experience disease, illness, injury, and eventually death (unless the rapture happens first). The Lord may completely heal you of a problem, such that you never experience any symptoms or problems from it again. BUT, something else will get you!
- ❖ **Every believer eventually get permanently healed.** For the believer, physical death means entering new and eternal life with Christ. All sickness and illness will thus be totally and permanently healed.

Divine healing is an important witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ ... as Messiah and Savior. (John 10:37-38)

Jesus’ power to heal is a direct conformation of His authority to forgive sins. (Mark 2:5-12)

The healing miracles being present with the presentation of the Gospel also linked the compassion of both. (Matt. 4:23; 9:35-36)

Is sickness and disease always a result of sin?

In general terms, the answer to this question is yes. This is because sickness and disease is a part of the Genesis 3 curse which is a direct result of Adam and Eve’s (mankind’s) sin. However, a sickness or disease in a specific person may not be from any direct fault or sin of that person.

Jesus recognized that sickness does result from sin (John 5:14) or the activity of Satan (Luke 13:16). However, He also recognized that sickness is not always the direct result of sin (John 9:2-3). In fact, there are even times when it is an opportunity for God to be glorified (Mark 2:12).

Jesus sent out the 12 and the 70 to preach and heal the sick (Luke 9:2; 10:9)

After Pentecost many signs and wonders were done by the apostles (Acts 2:43). But the promise is not limited to the apostles, it is for all believers (John 14:12-14).

Other examples:

Philip—a deacon—Acts 8:5-7

Ananias—Acts 9:12-18

Various believers: Mark 6:13; 9:38-39

1 Cor. 12:3, 7

James 5:15

Faith in Jesus Christ and trusting in His love and mercy toward us, is essential

Understanding The Connection Between Divine Healing And The Atonement



Atonement means a ransom price paid for redemption and restoration.

Propitiation—literally = mercy seat (Rom. 3:25). Refers back to Lev. 16. The primary purpose of atonement is to cleanse from sin (Lev. 16:30; Rom. 5:11; 11:15; and 2 Cor. 5:18-19).

With the atonement's cleansing and reconciliation from sin, comes release from the consequences of sin and its curse. Remember that although the atonement is a finished work, we do not live—physically—under the full redemption of God. That will not happen until the New Heavens and New Earth (Rom 8:23).

The full atonement price was paid on Calvary.



Through Jesus Christ, we have received—past tense—redemption and forgiveness of sins (Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:15).

The atonement and all it does for us is bestowed upon us as a gift of grace—which is unmerited favor. We do not, and we can not, earn any part or portion of the atonement. And we most certainly do not deserve God's mercy. We receive it only by His grace, given through faith (Eph. 2:8-9).

By the same token, we can not **DEMAND** healing as a believer's "birthright."

The promise of healing does not exclude:

- Suffering for Christ and the Gospel
- Suffering for spiritual growth
- The effects of human aging
- God's sovereignty

Look up these verses: Heb. 5:8; 1 Peter 2:19,21; 1 Peter 4:12-14,19; Deut. 34:7; 1 Kings 1:1-4; Eccl. 12:1-7, and especially 2 Cor. 4:16

Faith Yes, faith is an essential factor in Divine Healing. But be careful of what you are having faith in. Faith in faith doesn't work. Faith in the power of words doesn't work. Faith in a method doesn't work. Faith in a pastor, evangelist, or faith healer doesn't work. As with all faith that is pleasing to God, our faith must be in Jesus Christ (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 11:6).

Trust Likewise, trust is closely aligned with faith in Christ. It is because we know who and what Jesus Christ is and how much He loves and cares for us, that we can always trust Him to do exactly what is eternally best for us (Prov. 3:5-6; Rom. 8:28).

Which scriptures do you stand firm on when healing tarries or doesn't come?
All of them!

Why are some healed and others not?

⇒ Good question!!!

Why was James martyred and Peter set free by Divine power? Cf Acts 12:2ff

Only God knows ... we currently see through a glass darkly (and even when we do get to heaven, we won't become a god—able to know and understand all things as God does).

That is a part of our walk in faith. We must trust in God; have faith in Him that He is doing all things out of love for us and working them to our ultimate and eternal good—even if we can't see the good or understand the reason why.

Biblical Methodology

A few examples out of scripture:

- ❖ Prayer and fasting—Mark 9:29
- ❖ Some Jesus touched—Mark 1:41; 8:22
- ❖ Some Jesus took their hands—Mark 1:31; Luke 14:4
- ❖ Some Jesus laid His hands on them—Mark 6:5; 8:25; Luke 4:40; 13:13
- ❖ Some touched Him—Mark 3:10; 5:28; 6:56; Luke 6:19
- ❖ Some took action and obedience on the person's part—Mark 7:33; 8:23
- ❖ Sometimes the shadow of a Godly man was used—Acts 5:15
- ❖ Sometimes their handkerchiefs (literally “sweat rags”)—Acts 19:12
- ❖ James instructs for church elders to anoint with oil and lay on hands—James 5:14-15

Note: There is no one methodology because the methodology has nothing to do with receiving the healing. It is faith in Jesus Christ alone that brings deliverance and healing!

“...{Jesus} healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.”
(Matt. 8:17)

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Heb. 13:8)

Jesus says: *“I am willing ...”* (Matt. 8:3)

ONE FINAL NOTE:

The Bible acknowledges the proper use of medical care:

- ❖ Matt. 9:12
- ❖ Luke 10:34
- ❖ Col. 4:14

