

## I Am Healed

I am healed because God says I was healed (1 Peter 2:24). There is no ambiguity in this statement -- deal with it!

And God's timing is NOW (Hebrews 11:1) and His answer is YES (2 Corinthians 1:20)! When Jesus went about teaching and healing, He never told anyone to come back later or to wait for their healing. He healed people immediately then, and He wants to heal them NOW!

When you go to Wal-Mart in search of a new TV or a pack of tomatoes, you get what you need NOW based on the CURRENCY you have available. You do not have to wait for the TV to be assembled or the tomatoes to grow! God has already provided what we need -- and even want, when our will is submitted to His -- all we have to do is appropriate it! And what is that currency needed to appropriate the promises of God? FAITH! Faith is the currency of the Kingdom of God but it only has power to the degree we are willing to exercise it!

As a disciple of Christ, if you don't believe that healing is available to you or that sickness is somehow the will of God for the believer, why do you go to the doctor when you get sick? If you believe sickness comes from God, then aren't you thwarting the will of God? I'm just asking...

Would you ever wish so much as a tummy-ache on any your kids to get their attention or to correct them? NO! God is a much better father than any of us, so why do people insist on saying God makes His children sick? That, folks, is twisted theology! Why would anyone want to serve a God who will make you sick?

I am a co-laborer with God (Romans 8:17) and an heir of God; a joint heir with Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:9). Know what that means? That God's love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control are manifest in me and his abundance (salvation, healing, deliverance, and prosperity) is my birthright by virtue of the new birth! Ain't that Good News!!!

The difference between capability and manifestation is potential. God has given us awesome capability but we have to get a revelation from Him for our potential to be revealed. The Body of Christ frequently operates beneath privilege because purpose is unknown to most of us.

When will the Body of Christ acknowledge that bodily healing is available for all believers? I'm tired of this weak-kneed, so-called "Christianity" that teaches that sickness somehow emanates from God. What part of "Jesus healed them all" (Matthew 12:15) are we missing?

ALL means ALL, y'all! When you look at the scriptures, many of those who were healed WERE NOT believers! Here is what Strong's Concordance has to say about ALL:

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Including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; all, any, every, the whole: - all (manner of, means) always (-s), any (one), X daily, + ever, every (one, way), as many as, + no (-thing), X throughly, whatsoever, whole, whosoever.

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Please understand, we must be fully submitted to Him and His will before we can expect anything from Him! But the Word of God is clear that healing is clearly part of what God has promised His children (3 John 2)

The Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15) tells us to "Study to show ourselves approved..." We must diligently and faithfully press into God's Word, reading, praying, and fasting, standing in faith that He will reveal His will to us!

Y'all forgive me, but I'm really passionate about this. There are too many believers who are missing God's promised best. God has so much more for us NOW in this lifetime, and in the world to come, everlasting life!

Many learned men of God have asked the question, "What about the martyrs?" Good question; many of them died from sickness as well as being murdered. First let me say I respect their opinion. I do not think the martyrs died because of lack of faith but, rather, incomplete knowledge. The difference between the early church fathers and us is that we have the full canon of scripture. As many of the martyrs and church fathers died before Tyndale produced the earliest modern translation of scripture, they, did not have access to the full counsel of God as we do today.

Before I continue, I emphatically state I do not possess complete knowledge. That said, I believe in the truth of sola scriptura, that is, the Word of God stands on its own! And I stand solely on the Word of God.

Now, if Jesus healed all the sick that came to him -- not metaphorically but PHYSICALLY -- then healing must be for all. Otherwise, the scripture that declares that God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34) is impotent. God forbid!

3 John 2 declares that the believer should prosper AND be in health EVEN AS HIS SOUL PROSPERS. Therein lies the key -- your soul must FIRST prosper! How does one's soul prosper? By not being conformed to this world but instead transformed by the RENEWING of the mind -- in other words, you must constantly subject your mind to renewing by prayer, fasting, and study!

The woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43-44) received her healing BY FAITH. Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52) received his sight BY FAITH. Mary received the seed of God BY FAITH (Luke 1:38).

I once heard someone say of someone who died of cancer, "well God finally healed them." When I knew no better, that was an acceptable response. Now I know that was a response out of earthly knowledge, as opposed to godly wisdom. That individual could have been healed if the atmosphere of faith was sufficiently strong.

Jesus made something clear in Matthew 18:11. He came to save THAT which was lost -- not who or whom! So then, what is the THAT? Glad you asked! His Kingdom! His Kingdom is best expressed by the Greek word "SOZO," which means saved from sin, delivered from demonic oppression, bodily healing, and material blessing. These are the things Jesus came to do.

Now, you can be content with the "pie-in-the-sky" in the "sweet-by-and-by" and you will, indeed, receive your eternal reward. But, I believe -- and scripture supports -- that life in Christ is a life with benefits. God is waiting to manifest His very best in our lives if we would only step out in faith and believe what He has ALREADY done!

Furthermore, I abhor the teachings of so-called preachers that say, "God wants you to be rich." I have neither said nor endorsed such. I will boldly say, though, that God wants us to be complete and sufficient in all things (2 Corinthians 9:8) and that includes our health. Jesus said in John 10:10 that "the thief (satan) comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I am come that they (that is you and I) may have life and have it more abundantly.

Now, sickness is not abundant life -- no matter how you slice or dice it. Poverty is not abundant life either. Neither is a life of sin or demonic oppression. No, Jesus came and died to liberate us from the curse of sin and death and all of their outgrowths.

Is there sickness in the world? Yes, it is a fallen world. Can we do anything about it? Absolutely! Jesus came to restore the dominion man was given in the Garden.

If I may use a metaphor -- imagine you are a police officer IN UNIFORM and you are in a convenience store when a robbery commences. You are duly appointed and empowered by the state to uphold the law. Instead, you choose to do nothing and, not only is the store robbed, but you stand idly by while innocent customers are murdered. This is what the typical "Christian" does daily. They stand by and watch people go to hell and permit other believers to live beneath their privilege under the failed premise of "waiting on God to do something..."

God -- and the world He created -- is waiting for us to do something! Check out Romans 8:19.

I have read what Jesus said and this is why I am compelled to teach what He taught. Please do not lump me in with the crowd that preaches whatever it takes to sit in the lap of luxury. On the contrary, I'd

gladly give up all I have to see one lost soul won to Christ! What I'm against is saying that all there is to life in Christ is everlasting life. We have world overcoming faith available to us -- from this we are able to say "Thy Kingdom Come," or let Your culture, Your will, Your intent and Your abundance come from Your heavenly realm into this earth realm. That includes healing!

it is abundantly clear that not everyone is cut out to be rich. You can claim all you want in faith but if there is no sowing or corresponding action, well, that's just dead faith.

Here's what I'm saying in a nutshell: Jesus said, "Greater works shall you do..." (John 14:12). Where then are the greater works?

So if Jesus preached the Kingdom, healed the sick, and raised the dead, why aren't we doing this today? Because the dominant view in the church today is that of cessation, that is, that the working of miracles, ended with the death of the last apostle. By that line of reasoning, the Word of God is devoid of power. And there is a scientific term for that: baloney (LOL)!

I am not accusing anyone of having a lack of faith. What is lacking is wisdom surrounding faith. You see, faith is the currency of the Kingdom of God. The more you understand regarding the working of it, the more of God's promises you are able to appropriate. If you lack wisdom regarding faith, you will miss out on God's promised best for your life.

Think of it like electricity. Electrical power is available to all but only a few know how to harness it for benefit. However, if you refuse to flip a switch, you will remain in the dark. Likewise, if you abuse the power, it will injure or kill you.

Now, I consider myself a prosperity preacher -- not in the sense most might imagine, though. I preach prosperity in the context of John 10:10 -- there is NOTHING abundant about being bound by sin, sick, broke, or oppressed. And I cannot find anything in God's Word that contradicts that. I am also a healing preacher because I believe LITERALLY that Jesus paid the price for sin, sickness, and death. And that we will indeed prosper, and be in health AS OUR SOULS PROSPER!

The ministry that God has given me is to preach liberty to the captives -- and that liberty is life in Jesus Christ. Abundant life!

I refuse to teach the "everything's gon' be alright when we all get to heaven" weak-kneed, powerless "gospel." The true Gospel is that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in each one of us. Jesus said that it is the tradition of men that render ineffective the Word of God. I eschew the tradition of men and stick to the Word.

Let me emphatically state, I am not bashing folks who are weak in faith. What I am saying simply is this, if you do not have a working knowledge of a thing, you cannot extract its maximum benefit.

If you want to see the manifestation of potential, you must first study (to show yourself approved) and then spend time in practical application. Do you know why Honda cars are so well made and fun-to-drive? Because all their engineers are steeped in the Demming Quality Principles and they are all required to spend time racing!

This is what the Body of Christ is failing to do. As a result, we do not see or experience the same level of miracles seen by the Lord Jesus and his Apostles.

I long for the day when I see new limbs grow and the dead raised! And I know I will see it because Jesus promised it to us in his Word -- John 14:12! My question to you is, why are we not doing greater works?

Are you saying that God would make any believer sick to get a point across to him? GOD FORBID!!! I would not wish so much as a toothache on any of my children to illustrate a point. I would not make them go hungry so that they understand hunger. Excuse me, Bro, but there I must emphatically disagree.

Yes there are poor and there are rich. And God loves them all. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says that we are to have sufficiency in ALL THINGS so that we may abound to every good work. Therefore I am trusting God -- and have seen the manifestation (I'm not just talking theory, here) -- of His promises in my life.

I am not preaching the nonsensical doctrine that everyone is supposed to be a millionaire, rather, that God supplies our need according to His riches in glory. Instead God has commissioned me to preach liberty to the captives. And make no mistake, sin, sickness, and lack are all bondage.

The word "Gospel" is translated from the Greek for "good news." Please tell me then, where it says in the Word that sickness is good news? Where lack is good news? Where demonic oppression is good news? No, good news for a sick man is that Jesus wants him healed! The good news for a poor man is God wants them to have all sufficiency to abound to every good work. The good news for blind man is that he need be blind any longer!

And that, friends, is Good Gospel News!

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