

Healing

IN THE BEGINNING MAN WAS MADE IN PERFECT HEALTH



God created man (and woman) and placed him in the Garden of Eden. Man was created in perfect health. *There was no sickness, illness or death.* Man had a free will to choose. God had one rule: Genesis 2:15-17

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

By transgressing God's law, sin and death entered the human experience [SIN: The willful act of disobedience to the will and laws of God (1 John 3:4)]. Forfeiting his timeless state or eternal life for one of certain death, man faced eternal separation from God.

GOD'S LOVE AND REDEMPTION OF MAN BRINGS HEALING

Redemption is compensation; payment for man's sin. Romans 5:18 reads,

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

Adam's act of disobedience brought a curse on man. God would redeem us, pay for our sin by offering His son Jesus. In Galatians 3:13 we read,

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

We are no longer under the curse but live by faith. We believe Jesus died, paid for our sins on the cross. We who confess this to be our belief are now **born again**. We receive the promises of eternal life; and as in John 20:22...

And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

In Ephesians 1:13 we discover God has marked those who believe.

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

WHAT THAT MEANS TO YOU

Where we once experience spiritual death because of Adam's disobedience, we now receive the gift of eternal life and salvation by believing Jesus personally died for us. We are born again, joint heirs with Jesus, and children of God, through whom we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit (see the Quick Note on Gifts of God)

HEALING:

Healing is one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we read in 1 Corinthians 12:7 NASB *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (See the Quick Note on Gifts of God.)*

Notice that the scripture says “gifts,” plural. These gifts equip you in various ways to access healing for yourself or be an anointed vessel that God will flow through to heal others. The Bible speaks of various types of healings: **physical** (diabetes, blindness, cancer, deafness, etc.), **emotional** (jealousy, worry, discouragement, and other destructive attitudes), and **spiritual** (bitterness, greed, and guilt, etc.). Although there are different types of healings, the gift of healing refers to one that is supernatural: without human aid. It is a special gift to pray for specific diseases. Healing can come through the touch of faith (James 5:14-15); by speaking the word of faith (Luke 7:1-10); or by the presence of God being manifested (Mark 6:56; Acts 19:11-12).

KNOW GOD'S WILL IS TO HEAL (HE WANTS TO HEAL):

God is love.

1 John 4:8

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper

and be in health, even as your soul prospers

3 John 1:2

SUGGESTIONS FOR EFFECTIVELY USING THE GIFT OF HEALING:

1. Know your authority as a believer.
2. Realize healing does not come by your personal power but by the Power of the Holy Spirit.
3. Prepare for Healing.
4. Pray, Believe and Receive your healing.
5. Don't give license to the devil to nullify your healing: Words are powerful.
6. Be ready for attacks from the devil: We war not against flesh and blood.
7. Use your gift to Glorify God.

KNOW YOUR AUTHORITY AS A CHRISTIAN BELIEVER:

According to Mark 16:17-20, the gifts of healing belong to *all* believers. You can know whether or not you have the gift of healing by the following:

- When you have the inner witness of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:16
- By having a special ability to believe for physical healing for someone. Romans 12:3-8
- When you have an overwhelming feeling of compassion which moves you to action. Matthew 20:34

SCRIPTURES TO USE AS THE HOLY SPIRIT PROMPTS YOU IN PRAYER:

...turn your ear to my words... for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Proverbs 4:22

But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds.

Isaiah 53:5 HSB

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him

Psalms 62:5

How to Build your Faith

PREPARE FOR HEALING

Know and believe in your heart God created mankind to live forever in fellowship with Him: perfect health, perfect peace, perfect prosperity.

As we believe and confess this truth about our salvation (sozo in the Greek), in the present and forevermore, we are saved to once again fellowship and rely totally on his provision and protection. Now *we do not live by bread alone but every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.*

Matthew 4:4

Because in the beginning there was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word is God. The Word is Jesus. As Christians we...

Believe He came down from heaven to defeat the devil. He did.

Believe He came down from heaven to redeem us and pay for our sins. He did.

Believe He came down from heaven to heal us. He did,

Believe He came down from heaven to conquer death. He did.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective [a]prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5:16

A very important step in your healing is to search your heart and forgive. Forgive ALL those for whom you have resentment or bitterness. Free yourself from being bound to others who have sinned against you. FORGIVE EVERYONE. Turn them over to God in faith. As we read in the Lord's prayer:

Forgive us our trespasses (sins) as we forgive those who trespass against us (sin against us).

Matthew 6:5-15

DON'T GIVE LICENSE TO THE DEVIL TO NULLIFY YOUR HEALING

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.

Isaiah 57:19

Confess with words you are healed and thank God. See with the eye of faith the manifestation of healing even if it takes time. Say, "I am healed. Amen"

Never again refer to possessing that sickness. It is not your sickness any more. God has taken it.

PRAY KNOWING WHAT JESUS HAS ALREADY DONE FOR YOU:

If you have anointing oil make a cross with it on the forehead of the person you are praying for as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Pray to your Father in Heaven in a normal fashion knowing it is Him Who will do the healing. Use the words in scripture to affirm His love and power to heal. It is not a matter of volume of words but the accuracy and sincerity of your prayer. Say *be healed in the name of Jesus* and God has answered. A person does not have to be a Christian for God to heal them. The healing maybe God's way of bringing salvation to them. If possible lead them to the Lord. (See the Salvation Quick Notes) Here are some scriptures to memorize or read to defeat the Devil for true Christians.

You are forgiven:

Jesus washed away your sins through the power of His blood and are clean before God.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17

You are now a family member of a loving Father.

"Dear friends, we are God's children now"

1 John 3:2 HCSB

God has the ability to heal you; He wants to Heal you!

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

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God said it. Rely on His Word and promises.

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Jesus paid the price for your healing. Not one bit of your words are needed.

But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds.

Isaiah 53:5-6 HSB

SAY IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT! "I am healed"

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Isaiah 57:19

Take Holy Communion as often as possible for healing. Remember He died for your healing (above Isaiah 53:5) and Communion is a Memorial Service. Remember His sacrifice on the cross was done for you personally.



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