

HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT

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Today's session is about healing and how it is part of what Jesus has already purchased for us. This is a great follow-up to what I said about the authority God has given us. God has placed so much inside us, and the only thing that really hinders it from operating is our lack of knowledge. Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," and John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." One of the truths you need to understand with regard to healing is that God has already purchased healing for everyone. Every person who has been born again has the healing power of God deposited inside them. You need to recognize that healing for a Christian is not an optional thing.

Let me share some scriptures with you about healing. In Mark 2 and Luke 5 Jesus was teaching in a house so crowded that a paralyzed man was let down through the roof by friends to where He sat, and Jesus miraculously healed him. In Matthew 8:14-16, after He had been healing people, it says, "And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick." Then verse 17 is saying, "Here's the reason it happened": "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." In this instance Jesus was healing many people, and it specifically refers back to and quotes from Isaiah 53:3-5: "He is despised and rejected of men [This is a prophecy about the Lord Jesus Christ]; 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. Surely he hath born 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."

These are powerful passages of Scripture. Some people take them and say, "Wait a minute; this is talking in a spiritual sense." The church I was brought up in didn't believe in physical healing for the body, but would take a scripture like this and spiritualize it—use it to say you were wounded emotionally and when you commit your life to the Lord, He heals you. But if you put this together with the passages we started with, it forever ends that application of these scriptures. It's true that Jesus will heal you emotionally and in other ways, but these scriptures are talking about physical healing for the body. You can see that because in Matthew 8:17 it says that these healings that took place were the fulfillment of the prophecy spoken by Isaiah we just read, "with his stripes we are healed." It says this was the fulfillment that He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. This is talking about physical sicknesses, hurts, and pains. Jesus healed people physically to fulfill the scripture that says we are healed by His stripes.

The Bible goes on to say in 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." This is in the past tense. Jesus came, and part of what He came to do was heal your physical bodies. I am not diminishing the fact that He also came to forgive your sins. That's important, and forgiveness of sins is like the doorway, the entrance to everything else, but He didn't come only to forgive your

sins. He also came to heal your body. In Greek, the word used for salvation in the New Testament is “sozo,” an all-encompassing word that applies to many different things. But if you look it up, it’s also translated “healed.” James 5:14 states, “Is any sick among you? let them call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; And prayer of faith shall save the sick.” The word “save” there is the Greek word “sozo,” and it is talking about the sick being physically healed in their bodies. This same word that was translated forgiveness of sins hundreds of times in the New Testament was also translated healed.

Jesus died not only for the forgiveness of your sins but also for the healing of your body. His healing power has now been deposited and placed inside you through the new birth. In Ephesians 1:18-20, Paul’s prays that the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened. He prays that you would see what is the hope of your calling and the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe—the same power God used when He raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places.

Did you know that the same power it took to raise Jesus from the dead is now living inside you? The same power that quickened His physical body and made him come alive is the same life-giving power that is inside you, and it’s yours. That’s the authority you have as a believer—authority over sickness. When Jesus sent His disciples out in Matthew 10, the command He gave them was to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, and preach the Gospel. In the same breath that He told them to preach the Gospel, He told them to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and cast out devils. Healing is just as much a part of what Jesus came to accomplish in your life as forgiveness of sins

In the same way you would never think that the Lord would want you to commit a sin to teach you that you could learn something through your sin, He would never want you to live in sickness. God is not the author of sickness in your life. Sometimes people say things like, “Well, this sickness is really a blessing from God, because it turned me to Him.” It’s true that in crisis situations people turn to God, but He doesn’t send sickness to teach you. He wouldn’t do that anymore than He would put sin on you. Can you learn something if you go live in sin? If you live a life of adultery or homosexuality and get some disease, can you learn that the lifestyle was wrong? Certainly you can, but God didn’t cause you to live that lifestyle. He didn’t put sin in your life, yet you can learn from sinning. You can beat your head against the wall and learn that it’s not the thing to do, but you could also learn that without physically beating your head against the wall. You don’t have to learn everything by hard knocks. God does not put sickness in your life to humble you and teach you something. Jesus died to forgive you of your sins and also to heal you of your diseases. He bore our sins in His own Body, and by His stripes we were healed. Past tense . . . you’ve already been healed.

Someone might say, “Well, if I were healed, why do I still have this physical sickness?” Because it’s by the renewing of your mind as you operate in faith that you draw this life out of you. If you believe that sickness is normal, your lot in life, and passively submit to it and embrace it, then it can have dominion over you. But you can walk in supernatural divine health. I’m not a perfect example—no human being is. I haven’t arrived, but I’ve left, and I can tell you that for the last thirty years I’ve been walking in a measure of divine health that is far beyond what I would have thought possible thirty years ago. God’s healing has been flowing in my body. I haven’t had to take an aspirin or any type of medication for over thirty years. There’ve been a few times that Satan has attacked my body, but it lasted a matter of hours, maximum of a day,

rather than weeks or months.

God's supernatural divine healing is available to all of us. I've been healed of incurable diseases and have the doctors' reports to prove it. I've seen blind eyes and deaf ears opened. I've seen all the things that are spoken about in the Word of God come to pass. We've even seen people raised from the dead. We had the sheriff in a little town in Colorado present to witness a man who had been dead for 15 minutes being raised from the dead. These things are for us today. Jesus has already provided it. Healing is part of the atonement that Jesus died to produce.

If you aren't receiving your healing, God's not upset with you. You don't have to be healed to love God. You can love God with your whole heart, not believe in healing, and still go to heaven. As a matter of fact, you'll probably get there quicker because you don't know how to walk in health. But you know what—it's available to you. Jesus died to produce it. God wants you to walk in His supernatural health, so I challenge you today to take the Scriptures, begin to study them, and find out that God has provided healing for you. Believe it, renew your mind, let that life—that same power that raised Jesus from the dead—flow into your physical body, and you'll experience the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ in the physical realm.

HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT (Outline)

God has already purchased healing for every person. Every person who is born again has had the healing power of God deposited on the inside of them.

Matthew 8:16-17, “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: ¹⁷That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”

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. ⁵But 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.”

Jesus healed people physically to fulfill the scripture that, “with his stripes we are healed.”

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.”

Part of what Jesus came to do was heal your physical body.

“SOZO,” the Greek word for salvation in the New Testament, means “healed” as well as forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 1:19-20, “And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.”

The same power that it took to raise Jesus from the dead is living on the inside of you.

Matthew 10:1, “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

Jesus commanded His disciples to heal the sick. You have authority over sickness. Healing is just as much a part of what Jesus came to accomplish in your life as forgiveness of sins.

God never wants you to live in sickness. He is not the author of it. God does not put sickness in your life to humble you and teach you something.

You have to draw the life-giving power of God out of you through faith to walk in supernatural, divine health. If you passively submit to sickness in your life, it can have dominion over you.

HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT (Teacher's Guide)

1. According to Matthew 8:14-17, how many people did Jesus heal?

All that came to him.

2. A. According to Isaiah 53:3-5, what type of healing are these verses talking about?

Physical healing.

- B. What happened to sickness and infirmity according to Matthew 8:17?

Jesus bore them.

3. What two things does 1 Peter 2:24 say that Jesus did for us?

He bore our sins in His body and took stripes for our healing.

4. Read James 5:14-15. The word "saved" in verse 15 is the Greek word "SOZO," which is translated "to deliver, protect, heal, preserve, be whole." It's the same word the Bible refers to as salvation. So according to these verses and the Greek definition of salvation, what is included with your salvation?

Healing.

5. A. When Jesus sent out His disciples in Matthew 10:7-8, what did He tell them to say?

The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- B. What actions proved that they were sent by Jesus?

They healed the sick and cast out devils.

6. A. What did Jesus proclaim to His disciples to do in Mark 16:15-20?

To preach the Gospel.

B. In verse 16, what did He say will happen?

People will believe, be baptized, and be saved.

C. In verse 17, what did He say will happen?

They will cast out devils and speak with tongues.

D. In verse 18, what did He say will happen?

More signs and wonders will follow: They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT (Detailed Teacher's Guide)

Note: The following information may be read out loud (a numbered section at a time) with the person(s) being disciplined. After each numbered section is read, pause and ask the question(s) that correspond to the paragraph(s), and then discuss them.

¹ There will always be individual situations where good people are not healed, but does that mean it wasn't God's will to heal them? Certainly not! 2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." This scripture leaves no doubt that it is the Lord's will for everyone to be saved, but will there be good people who are not saved? Certainly! There will be millions of good people who attend church and lead good lives, but will perish because they trusted in themselves, just as the Pharisees of Jesus' day did. Likewise, not everyone God wills to be healed will be healed.

² So, for a variety of reasons, none of which are God's fault, not everyone who desires salvation gets saved. Likewise, not everyone who desires healing gets healed. We can't let sympathy and personal experience form our doctrine, and then go to God's Word to try and prove what we already believe. We have to make the decision Paul made in Romans 3:4, when he said, "let God be true, but every man a liar." We need to reckon God's Word to be true and our own experiences, our own opinions, a lie.

³ What does God's Word say? The Scriptures teach that Jesus paid for our healing in His atonement the same way He paid for our sins. In the same way that God would never make us sin, He would never make us sick. Sickness and sin are both covered in the atoning work of Christ.

⁴ The very word "saved," or "salvation," in the Greek means "healing" as well as forgiveness of sins. They are synonymous. The Greek word is "sozo," and it was translated "made whole" in reference to healing in Matthew 9:22, Mark 5:34, and Luke 8:48. This same Greek word was used in James 5:15, where James said, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Healing is mentioned as a benefit of our salvation in the same sentence as forgiveness of sins in Psalms 103:3, Isaiah 53:4-6, and 1 Peter 2:24.

¹ (a) According to 2 Peter 3:9, is it God's will for any to perish?

(b) According to Matthew 25:46, will some people perish?

² What does Romans 3:4 reveal about our own opinions?

³ What are the benefits of the Lord described in Psalms 103:2-3?

⁴ How is the word "save" used in James 5:13-15?

⁵ Isaiah 53:4-5 gives a very clear presentation that Jesus bore our sickness and disease, just as He bore our sins. “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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” (Isaiah 53:4-5). The Hebrew words for “wounded” and “bruised” refer to Jesus bearing our pains and sicknesses. By His stripes we were physically healed (1 Peter 2:24). You don’t have to be a Hebrew scholar to know that.

In the New Testament, Matthew quoted Isaiah in reference to Jesus healing everyone present. Matthew said, “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare [our] sickness” (Matthew 8:17). So New Testament Scripture provides a commentary on Old Testament Scripture. There is no doubt that Isaiah was speaking of physical infirmities and sickness. Healing is part of Jesus’ atonement.

⁶ Jesus’ life provides one of the strongest arguments that it is God’s will to heal everyone. Jesus said in John 5:19, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.” There are 17 different times in the Gospels where Jesus healed all of the sick that were present. There are 47 other times where Jesus healed one or two people at a time. There are no instances where Jesus refused to heal anyone or where Jesus put a sickness on anyone. Therefore, in light of the statement that He did everything His Father did, we can conclude that God is not the one bringing sickness into our lives. When Peter preached the Gospel to Cornelius in Acts 10, he said, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38). Notice that Jesus healed all that were oppressed of the devil.

⁷ The Apostle John told his beloved Gaius in 3 John 2, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” That’s God’s will for every one of us.

⁵How does Matthew 8:17 interpret Isaiah 53:4-5?

⁶How does Luke 13:11-16 show that sickness is from the devil?

⁷What does 3 John 2 reveal about God’s will for us?

HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT
(Discipleship Questions)

Read Matthew 8:16-17

1. With what did Jesus cast out the evil spirits?
2. How many did He heal who were sick?
3. What did Isaiah prophesy about in verse 17?

Chastisement: reproof, warning, correction, discipline, instruction, reform, punish

Read Isaiah 53:4-5

4. What has Christ borne and carried for us?
A. _____
B. _____
5. For what was He wounded and bruised?
A. _____
B. _____
6. Did Jesus carry the blame for us regarding our iniquities?
7. "And by His stripes we are _____."

Read 1 Peter 2:24

8. Where did Christ bare our sins?
9. Since we have died to sin, what might we live for now?
10. "By whose stripes you were _____."
11. Is your healing something you have to work for or just receive?

Read Matthew 10:1

12. What did Jesus give His disciples power over?
13. What did Jesus give His disciples the power to do?
A. _____
B. _____

Read Hebrews 6:1-2

14. What are the elementary principles of Christ as described in these verses?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____

15. Do you recognize how “raising the dead” was an “elementary principle”?

16. Would you consider being risen from the dead a total healing?

Read James 5:14-15

17. What must you do if you are sick?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

18. What will save the sick, according to verse 15?

19. What will also be forgiven you?

Read Mark 16:15-18

20. At the end of verse 18, does it say “if we lay hands on the sick they might recover?”

21. Rewrite this verse as it is written in the Word.

Read 2 Peter 3:9

22. Is the Lord slack concerning His promises?

23. Is it God’s will that any should perish?

Read John 3:16-17

24. Why did God give His only Son?

25. If it’s not God’s will for us to perish, what is His will?

26. If Christ was not sent to condemn the world, why was He sent?

Saved: to deliver, protect, heal, preserve, be made whole

Read Romans 3:4

27. What does this verse say about the opinions of man?
28. Even though we might feel sick, if God's Word says we are healed, whom do we believe?

Read Psalm 103:3-5

29. List all the benefits from these verses.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
 - E. _____

30. Did it say He would heal only some of your diseases?
31. How many of our diseases has Christ healed?

Read Psalm 107:19-20

32. What did the Lord do when the people cried out to Him in their trouble?
33. What did He send to them to heal them?
34. What else did He deliver them from?

Read Luke 13:11-13

35. What was this woman's infirmity described as?
36. What did Jesus speak over the woman?
37. If He loosed her from a spirit of infirmity, do you recognize that it was an evil spirit?
38. What happened to the woman when Jesus laid His hands on her?

Read 3 John 2

39. In how many areas of our lives should we prosper?
40. Does that include our health?

Read Jeremiah 30:17

41. What did God promise His people in this verse?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____

Read Mark 11:22-24

42. What are we commanded to have in verse 22?
43. What are we to say to the mountain?
44. What is the final result if we believe that whatever we say, or command, to our "mountain"?
45. "Therefore, I say to you, _____ things you ask when you pray, _____ that you _____ them and you _____ have them."

Read Psalm 91:5-6, 9-10

46. What are we to not be afraid of in verses 5-6?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
47. What are we promised because we have made the Lord as our refuge and dwelling place?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____

Read Matthew 6:10

48. Is there sickness in heaven?
49. What did Christ pray would happen on earth?

Read Proverbs 3:5-8

50. With what are we to trust in the Lord?
51. What we not to lean on?
52. If we acknowledge Him in all our ways, what will God do for us?
53. What's another word to use for "not being wise in our own eyes"?
54. If we humble ourselves, and fear the Lord and depart from evil, what will the result be to our bones and flesh?

Read Romans 4:20-21, 24

55. What was the assurance of the promise in these verses?
56. What must you do to receive the promise?

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(Discipleship Answer Key)

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| 1. With a word | 17. A. Call the elders
B. Let them pray over you
C. Be anointed with oil |
| 2. All who were sick | |
| 3. That Christ Himself took our infirmities
and bore our sicknesses | 18. The prayer of faith |
| 4. A. Griefs
B. Sorrows | 19. My sins |
| 5. A. Transgressions
B. Iniquities | 20. No |
| 6. Yes | 21. They will lay hands on sick, and they will
recover |
| 7. Healed | 22. No |
| 8. In His own body | 23. No |
| 9. For righteousness | 24. So that we would not perish |
| 10. Healed | 25. For everyone to have everlasting life |
| 11. Just receive | 26. That the world through Him might be saved |
| 12. Unclean spirits | 27. Everyman is a liar |
| 13. A. Cast them out
B. Heal all kinds of sickness and disease | 28. God's Word |
| 14. A. Repentance from dead works
B. Faith toward God
C. Doctrine of Baptisms
D. Laying on of hands
E. Resurrection of the dead
F. Eternal judgment | 29. A. Forgives all our iniquities
B. Heals all our diseases
C. Redeems our life from destruction
D. Crowns us with loving kindness and tender
mercies
E. Satisfies our mouths with good things |
| 15. Yes | 30. No |
| 16. Yes | 31. All |
| | 32. He saved them from their distresses |
| | 33. His Word |
| | 34. Their destructions |

35. A spirit
36. "You are loosed"
37. Yes
38. She was made straight, then glorified God
39. All
40. Yes
41. A. Restoration of health
B. Healing all of our wounds
42. Have faith in God
43. Be removed and cast into the sea
44. It will be done
45. Whatever – believe – receive – will
46. A. Terror by night
B. Arrow that flies by day
C. Pestilence that walks in darkness
D. Destruction that lays waste at noonday
47. A. No evil shall befall you
B. Nor any plague come near your dwelling
48. place
49. No
50. The same that is in heaven
51. With all my heart
52. Our own understanding
53. Direct our paths
54. Proudful
55. Health and strength
56. That God will perform it
57. Believe

HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT (Additional Information)

(Matthew 8:16) There are seventeen times in the Gospels where Jesus healed all of the sick who were present (Matthew 4:23-24, 8:16-17, 9:35, 12:15, 14:14, 34-36, 15:30-31, 19:2, 21:14, Mark 1:32-34,39, 6:56, Luke 4:40, 6:17-19, 7:21, 9:11, and 17:12-17). There are forty-seven other times where He healed one or two people at a time (Matthew 8:1-4, 5-13, 14-15, 28-34, 9:1-8, 20-33, 12:10-13, 22-23, 15:21-28, 17:14-18, 20:30-34, Mark 1:21-31, 40-45, 2:1-12, 3:1-5, 5:1-20, 25-43, 7:24-37, 8:22-26, 9:14-29, 10:46-52, Luke 4:33-39, 5:12-15, 17-26, 6:6-10, 7:1-17, 8:27-39, 43-56, 9:37-42, 11:14, 13:11-17, 14:1-4, 18:35-43, 22:51, John 4:46-54, 5:2-15, 9:6-7, and 11:43-44). Nowhere do we find Jesus refusing to heal anyone. In light of Jesus' statement that He could do nothing of Himself but only what He saw the Father do (John 5:19 and 8:28-29), His actions are proof enough that it is always God's will to heal.

Healing has been purchased for us as part of the atonement of Christ. The Lord would no more refuse to heal us than He would refuse to forgive us. That does not mean that we deserve healing—we don't. It is a gift of God just as salvation is a gift of God (Romans 6:23, and Ephesians 2:8). We don't deserve to have our sins forgiven. We cannot demand salvation from the Lord; but we can expect it. Likewise, healing has been purchased for us through the atonement of Christ. Healing belongs to us, but it is still the mercy of God that has provided healing, and every act of healing is an act of mercy.

(Matthew 8:17) The fact that this verse substitutes "infirmities" and "sicknesses" for the words "sorrows" and "griefs" in Isaiah 53:4 makes it clear that when Isaiah said, "with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5), he was speaking of the physical healing of our bodies. Jesus provided for physical healing as well as forgiveness of sins. The very word "save" is translated "made whole" in reference to physical healing in Matthew 9:22, Mark 5:34, and Luke 8:48. James 5:15 says, "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Many scriptures mention the healing of our bodies in conjunction with the forgiveness of our sins. Examples are Psalm 103:3; Isaiah 53:4-6; and 1 Peter 2:24. Healing is a part of our salvation just as much as the forgiveness of our sins.

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