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**Healing - (Part of God’s Plan)**

*Why does God allow sickness and disease in the world? Have you ever asked that question? Many people blame God when sickness comes upon them or someone close to them. The reality is that sickness and disease is the result of sin in the earth. All human pain, sickness and suffering entered the world when the devil tempted Adam and Eve and they disobey God. They were separated from Him and spiritually death resulted.*

Do you believe that God loves you? Is that a revelation to you?

John 3:16

God is referred to by many names in the original Hebrew.

One of those names is **JEHOVAH** (Lord) **RAPHA** (Healer).

God declared, “***I am the Lord that healeth thee***”. Jesus (God in the flesh) demonstrated this truth whilst on earth.

If He is your Christ, then He is your healer ☺

Matthew 16: 13 – 15 Jesus asked two questions

***“Who do men say that I am?”***

***“But whom do you say that I am?”***

Is Jesus your Christ (1 John 5: 1, 4 & 5) – Anointed One?

Why was Jesus anointed? (Luke 4: 18-19)

* Announce good news

We are not called to ‘cope’. Well are called to ‘overcome’

* Heal or make whole
* Deliverance (Freedom, pardon, remission, forgiveness)
* Captives – Prisoners of war (Hostages)
* Recovery of sight to the blind (physically or mentally) 2 Cor 4:4
* Set at liberty (same meaning as deliverance) them that are bruised (to crush).

God’s demand to Pharaoh through Moses was “*Let my people go*”.

Four primary barriers to receiving from Jesus the healer:

1. **Ignorance**

My people perish for a lack of Vision (Revelation) Proverbs 29:18

Ignorance of God’s word (Hosea 4:6)

My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge (ignorant or unaware)

Remaining faithless even when truth is presented to you.

1. **Philosophies and traditions of men**

Colossians 2:8

Beware means – Behold, take heed.

Spoils means – to lead away, to seduce

Philosophy – Two Greek words Philo (Love) & Sophos (Wisdom) = Man’s Love of Wisdom. Only used once in the New Testament.

Mark 7:13 (tradition makes the word of God of ***no effect*** – to render void, to deprive of force and authority. The word is invalidated.

Matthew 16: 12 – Beware of religious doctrine – “leaven of the Pharisees”

Genesis 3: 1-3 (Eve added to what God has said)

1. **Your experience**

This is where the five physical senses can dominate our spirit – Carpenter.

Pain, soreness, sickness and disease may be there. These are only the testimony of the senses. By His stripes you were healed is TRUTH.

An experience may be **FACT**, but is it **TRUTH** – ***God cannot lie*.**

*I one read the following in a book – “I know someone who stood in faith and they didn’t receive”, you may say. No you don’t. If you ever see a situation where it looks as if God failed to keep His word, you can be sure there’s something you don’t know about that situation. Never put the righteousness of God up against anybody. People can fail. God never will. So don’t ever doubt Him. Don’t ever let somebody else’s experience rob you of your confidence in His Word. Keep your heart and mouth filled with faith.*

**4. Choice**

Deuteronomy 30:19 – 20 – Choose life

John 20: 24 – 29 – Unless I see (believing is seeing)

What does the world say?

1 Corinthians 2:14

The natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God.

What does the church say?

* It may not be God’s will for you to be healed.
* He may be teaching you something.
* You don’t always know what God is going to do. His ways are beyond our understanding.
* Not everyone in the Bible was healed.
* You may not be worthy to receive from God.

*God has set the church against sickness and disease. Whether you believe that truth or not, it is a Bible fact and a spiritual truth which cannot change.*

***Jesus is the healer*** – The Word is the healer today. (Proverbs 4: 20 – 23)

We are living under grace when we are aware of God’s constant supply to us.

The law demands but grace supplies

The law says - you shall / shall not

Grace says – I will – *We have Throne rights. Our father says so*.

John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Compare **Psalms 105: 37 - 45**

There was provision, health and protection before the law was ever given.

Would God do anything less under the new covenant of grace?

Salvation has been made available to all men. Are all saved?

Healing has been made available to all men. Are all healed?

Example – People keep stealing if someone doesn’t use their authority to stop it.

**Note:**

God’s will for salvation and healing doesn’t automatically come to pass.

*Everything that grace has made available through the finished works of Jesus MUST be received by faith (not works). Faith TAKES what grace has made available. If our redemption doesn’t provide for healing, God has failed.*

**Origins** - The fall of man.

Genesis 1:1 – The earth was without form and void.

Isaiah 45:18 – God made the world to be inhabited (vain – without form).

Genesis 3: 1- 9 – Man gave up the blessing and exchanged it for the curse.

V10: We can’t come into His presence without being clothed in righteousness

Romans 5:12 & 17 – death entered as a result of sin (sickness causes death)

Death corrupted the three-part nature of man (Spirit, Soul and Body). Calvary covered it ALL.

**Teach the God side first and then the man side**

**The God side**

*God gets no glory from our sickness or disease (except our being healed!). He takes no pleasure in harming us, and He never will.*

**God is a healer by name and nature**

First mention Principle

Exodus 15:26 – **diseases** -I am the Lord (Jehovah) that **heals** (Rapha)

Rapha means – To cure, heal, mend, physician, make whole (thoroughly).

Word **sickness** first used in Exodus 23:25 (disease, infirmity)

Fear and sickness are closely aligned. Worry will make you physically sick.

**Right believing**

Luke 13: 11 & 16

John 8:44

John 10:10

Acts 10:38 (to make whole)

1 John 3: 8

Psalm 103: 2-3

Psalm 107:20 – 21 (He sent His word **AND** healed them)

Isaiah 53: 3-5 (Made sin with our sin and sick with our sicknesses).

Griefs – Anxiety, disease & sickness

Sorrows – Pain, physical and mental

Transgression – sin, trespass, rebellion

Bruise – Beat to pieces, crushed or destroy.

Stripes – means wounds / bruises

Healed – same meaning as Rapha

Compare Matthew 8: 16-17 (Commentary on Isaiah 53)

1 Peter 2:24

Jesus had to die spiritually first, just like Adam (separation from God) then physical death.

**God doesn’t change –** no matter what the opinions of men are or prevailing circumstances.

Numbers 23:19

Malachi 3:6

Romans 11:29

Hebrews 13: 8

James 1:17 (good thing also means ‘a benefit’)

**Jesus and the Father are one (John 10:31).**

Religion requires us doing. Christianity only requires us believing. The doing follows the believing.

John 1:1

John 5: 19

John 5: 30

John 6: 38

John 12: 44 & 49 – 50

John 14: 10

Hebrews 1:3

***Is it God’s will to heal???***

**Faith begins where the will of God is known**.

If grace hasn’t already made it available, faith won’t get it.

God’s will for healing has already been determined by Jesus sacrifice at Calvary.

Consider Jesus response to the Leper in Mark 1: 40 - 42

* Jesus had been preaching throughout all Galilee
* The Leper believed he could but didn’t know if he would.
* You **can** (Dumani) make me clean, but are you **willing** (delight in desire).
* Luke 5:12 – **Full** of leprosy (complete)
* Jesus touched the unclean – The Father was willing.
* Under the law it should have made Jesus ceremonially unclean.
* The leper didn’t infect Jesus. He infected the leper.

For God to put sickness on you would be a violation of His covenant with man. That is impossible. You are a temple of the Holy Spirit. Why would God destroy His own temple?

1 Corinthians 3: 16 – 17 - Defile means to corrupt or destroy

1 Corinthians 6: 19 - 20 – Bought with a price

***Trophies of grace don’t come cheap***

Acts 10:38 – Healing the sick is ‘**good**’. Only used once in the Bible (means being philanthropic or bestow benefits).

**Oppress** – to exercise dominion over

Jesus gave a distinction in Luke 6: 6 - 9

*To do good = saving life - To be a well doer (as a favour or a duty)*

*To do evil = destroying life - To be a bad doer (to harm or injure)*

**God is no respecter or persons** (He respects faith)

Respecter means: – one who discriminates or one exhibiting partiality.

God has no favourites.

* Deuteronomy 10:17
* Acts 10:34
* Romans 2: 9 - 11
* Galatians 2:6
* Colossians 3: 23 - 25
* 1 Peter 1:17

When God healed the leper, he declared His position on healing.

He does not discriminate – sinner or saint

God has made healing available to man.

The application of spiritual takes hold of what God has freely made available.

**Jesus the Healer**

The ministry of Jesus on earth was characterized by healing.

How many did he heal of those who came to him?

* Matthew 4: 23 – 25 – teaching, preaching & healing (cure or restore to health). Grace draws men not religion.
* Matthew 8: 16 – 17
  + Healed - is same meaning
  + Infirmity – Feebleness of mind and body. Disease, sickness, weakness.
  + Bare – To lift, receive, to carry or take up. Literally to remove.
  + Sicknesses – This is not referring to something figuratively or moral disability. It means physical disease, infirmity or sickness.
* Matthew 12: 14 - 15
* Matthew 14: 34 -36 (NLT)
  + Had knowledge of him= recognized him
* Luke 4:40 - 44 (NLT)
  + Healed all
  + Jesus was not distracted by mans agenda.
* Luke 6: 17 – 19 (NLT)
  + To hear and to be healed (faith comes by hearing)
  + Virtue means – miraculous power
  + Healed all

**The church and healing**

Jesus attitude towards sickness and disease was the Fathers attitude.

Jesus set the church against sickness and disease.

Matthew 10: 1

Power - means delegated authority or right. It was given to the disciples.

* All manner of sickness and all manner of disease

Matthew 10: 5

* Go, preach ***saying.***
* Commanded to use that authority.
* Authority means the right to command.
* Heal the sick – he didn’t say pray for the sick
* *Freely* you have received, *freely* give
* Don’t be moved by those who won’t receive your word. Stay the course and preach the truth.

Luke 10: 9 – appointed 70 more and told them to heal the sick.

* They returned with joy
* Devils are subject to us through your name.
* Subject means - Subordinate, be under obedience, submit to or subdue.

Paul’s Example

Acts 13: 6 – 12

* The false prophet was seeking to turn the deputy away from the faith
* *The only hope for humanity is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*
* Paul described the spirit – wanting to **pervert** the ways of the Lord. (Distort, misinterpret, corrupt, turn away)
* Paul spoke to the spirit
* Exercised authority and power.

***Don’t talk to God about the problem. Talk to the problem about the finished work of Jesus.***

**The man side**

Mark 15: 16 – 20 - He wants us to do it

* Go and tell people about the good news of Jesus.
* The only requirement – **BELIEVE** (to have faith in or put trust in).
* Lay hands on the sick and they **SHALL** (possess or have it) **RECOVER** (fully well).
* Don’t seek after a sign and a wonder.
* Preach the word and the Lord will confirm the Word with signs following.

We are the rescuers, not the hostages. We are overcomers, not defeated ones.

* Galatians 5:1 – we are free from the yoke of bondage (being the law).
* Romans 8:2 – The law of the spirit of life has made us free from the law of sin and death.

The just shall live by faith

Romans 1:17

2 Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 10:38

How come I am not seeing more? We are not asked to **see** but **believe**.

We must exercising dominion and authority in the earth. If the church doesn’t, the devil will – through stealing, killing and destroying those he deceives.

To answer all questions on or about healing, we must look at the life and ministry of Jesus. He is the perfect example. If it contradicts Jesus, reject it.

Healing always comes, but why isn’t it always received? Let’s look at different reasons given and answer them with the Bible.

* **Sin**. All people that Jesus healed were sinners, so sin has never and will never be a block to healing.
* **Faith**. Jesus commended faith when he saw it, but when the faith was not there he exercised faith for others.
* **It is not God’s will**. We have already established God’s will through the Scriptures. It is part of the finished works of Jesus at Calvary.
* **Jesus didn’t heal them all**. The fact is Jesus healed all that came to Him and all that he got to. If Jesus failed, God failed. Unbelief didn’t stop God’s power from healing, it prevented people from coming to Jesus for healing.
* **A special word or anointing from God**. There is no special anointing for healing. The anointed Holy Spirit abides in us permanently.
* **Legal right**. Satan has no legal right to place sickness on anyone. He is a murderer.
* **Generational curse**. There are no grandchildren in God’s Kingdom only children. We became new creations at the time of the new birth.

*The only thing we need to heal the sick is the name of Jesus and faith in that name (Acts 3:13-16)*

God supplies the power and we supply the action. Everything happens in and through the person of the Holy Spirit in response to faith.

It is not by EFFORT but by UNION.

**Healing belongs to you.**

Jesus purchased it by going to the cross. You have just as much right to be healed as you do to be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Grace has made available all the healing you will ever need in this life. Faith takes hold of what grace has made available.

**Unworthiness** won’t prevent you from receiving or ministering healing but **unbelief** will hinder you from partaking or stepping out for others in faith.

Healing is by grace and ministering healing is by grace. It is a gift which cannot be earned. Freely you have received, freely give.

Healing begins with right believing. Any receiving from God begins with right believing.

*Our believing must be founded solely on the Word of God.*

Psalm 103: 1 – 5 – Encourage your soul and spirit with truth. Don’t add or take from this truth. The moment you do that you are in error.

Isaiah 53: 4-5 (Amplified)

Matthew 8:17

Galatians 3:13

1 Peter 2: 24

Power to save is the power to heal - Luke 5: 17 – 24

**Power of faith for healing**

**F.A.I.T.H is the access code to GRACE**

*Jesus never asked one person to repent of their sins before He healed them. Sin should never stop us from ministering healing to another. As far as God is concerned, it is already done.*

**Jairus**

Mark 5:22 – 43(two destinies cross paths)

* Religious ruler
* A man under the burden of the law
* Sought Jesus
* Spoke the desired result into being
* His daughters life meant more to him than peoples opinions about Jesus
* Believe only and she shall be made who. Jairus had a choice – Life or death.
* Would he believe the news or believe Jesus.
* Would he walk with Jesus or stop in his tracks – ***Believe only*** (trust me alone)

**Women with issue of blood**

Mark 5:25

* She heard something about Jesus.
* She didn’t hear, “*can any good thing come out of Nazareth*?”
* Leviticus 15: 25 – 27 (ceremonially unclean – could not enter the temple or touch people).
* In the Old Testament, God dwelt in the temple. In the new testament God dwelt among men in the person of Jesus Christ (John 1:14)
* The penalties of the law are reversed through grace. The woman did not make Jesus (God’s dwelling) unclean. He made her clean.
* She had no influential advocate interceding for her.
* She had faith to receive
* You are never an interruption to Jesus
* She drew power from Jesus (Virtue – Dynamis power)
* Jesus could have kept going and only he and the woman would have known
* The disciples had no ideas what was going on. Don’t assume that you know what is going on spiritually in some ones life. They didn’t see or feel or discern the power of God. All they saw was a crowd of people pressing in.
* Faith has made you whole – Sozo (heal, preserve, save, make whole)
* This was a demonstration of healing by grace through faith.

Compare with Acts 9:36 – 43

Peter followed the ways of the master.

Peter spoke to the body and commanded it to rise.

God does miracles. Men can only believe God for the miraculous.

*Rear Bible faith is believing what God has already done by grace through Jesus Christ. Faith only appropriates what Grace has already provided.*

*Faith is not something that you do, but something that you believe Jesus will do.*

*Faith does not move God. He is unchanging. Faith moves us.*

**Centurion**

Matthew 8:5 (Luke 7)

* Jesus was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24)
* The centurion came to Jesus. Jesus is THE WAY. He will receive ALL who come to Him.
* *His worthiness had nothing to do with Jesus willingness to go (Luke 7: 4-5)*. The elders of the Jews were basing his worthiness on the laws requirement to earn your right standing with God.
* Self-righteous acts never make us worthy before God. Grace makes us worthy. Man looks on the outward appearances, but God looks on the heart.
* God will not reward ***fruitfulness***, he will reward ***faithfulness***.
* The servant did not exercise any faith
* The emphasis was on the authority and faith of the Centurion. Believers and unbelievers may be healed with or without their faith as long as someone is exercising authority and dominion in that situation.
* The centurion’s faith was pulling on Jesus.
* Believed Jesus at His word
* Recognised Jesus authority – just **speak** the Word only
* Understood power and authority through words (Mark 11:23)
* Faith is a servant and it will obey
* Jesus Marvelled – had in admiration
* Jesus credited Him with great faith (compare John the Baptist Matthew 11 –offended means – to entrap, trip up or entice to sin).
* Great faith will always be a by-product of the word of God.

**Living in divine health**

***(By His stripes we were healed – Isaiah 53: 5)***

The power that works within us – **Ephesians 3:20** (Dynamis). How do we get the power to work? We believe. We act on the power with our words and actions. Same power made available in Acts 1:8.

Jesus has already provided grace. We are complete in Him.

We don’t need to get God’s attention. The Spirit of God resides within. He wants us to make a demand on what grace has made available.

**Live long and strong**

Jesus said – GO ye into all the world.

Man’s days are 120 years (not 70) – He said ‘shall be’

Genesis 6

Psalm 90:10. Amplified Bible – (applicable to Israel in the wilderness only).

**Moses**

Deuteronomy – Eyes were not dim neither were his natural forces abated

**Long life**

**Psalm 92: 12 - 15**

* The righteous shall flourish
* Planted in the house of the Lord
* Bring forth fruit in old age.

Retired means – withdraw from one’s position or occupation. Having concluded one’s working or professional career.

**Proverbs 3:1-2**

* Length of days, Long life, Peace

**Proverbs 4:10**

* The years of your life shall be many

**Proverbs 4: 20 – 23**

* The word is life and health to all your flesh (medicine)

**Proverbs 9:10-11**

* The fear of the Lord shall increase your days.

**Proverbs 10:27**

* The fear of the Lord prolongs days

**Proverbs 13:3**

* Keep your mouth and keep your life

**Proverbs 18:21**

* Death and life is in the power of the tongue.
* The blessing in Genesis. We must speak to have dominion in the earth.
* We are living speaking spirits
* 2 Kings 4:23 – All is well
* Mark 11:23
* Numbers 14: 28 – 32
* The power of their words
* They got what they said
* Deuteronomy 2:14 - died out within 38 years.

**Psalm 91:6**

* With long life will I satisfy you (to have plenty of / fill to satisfaction)

**Ephesians 6: 2-3**

* Honour your mother and father
* May be well with you may live long on the earth.

**1 Peter 3: 10 (NLT) – Psalm 34:12**

* Will you love life and see good days
* Keep your tongue from speaking evil.

**Guard your heart**

Don’t let anything that has happened cause you to doubt the certainty of God’s Word.

Don’t ever let the opinions of others cause you to doubt the certainty of God’s Word.

**Proverbs 4: 20 – 23**

“Keep your heart” – (To guard, to protect or to maintain).

Be on guard for the traditions of man

**Mark 7: 9-13 NLT** (Make the word of God of no effect)

If you are hearing religion, you remain in bondage.

What is our fight?

You are not fighting the devil. You are fighting the good fight of faith.

Fight means conflict or contention

**1 Timothy 6: 12** (labour or strive to fight)

**2 Timothy 4: 7** (conflict or contention)

**Ephesians 6: 12** (Wrestle – It is against evil itself trying to take what is ours)

Lies of the Devil

**Mark 4: 14 - 15**

The devil comes immediately to steal the word that was sown in the heart.

A thief never has a right to take something that doesn’t belong to him. It is illegal.

If you don’t know this parable, how will you know all parables?

This is a foundational truth that must be understood.

Satan devours by stealing the word

**1Peter 5: 8 - 9**

Resist steadfast ***in the faith*** – That’s the fight

You can’t be devoured (swallowed up) if he can’t steal the word out of your heart.

**John 10:10** – Thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy

**Genesis 3:1** – “Did God really say”?

* He must steal the word to have victory over you
* That’s all he is after
* Only the word will enforce the victory that Calvary has made available
* Jesus said, “It is written”
* Declare what God has already degreed in His Word. You cannot fail.
* This is why Satan doesn’t want churches preaching and teaching the word.

Physical condition is FACT

The Word is TRUTH – By His stripes you WERE healed

Facts can change, the Word CAN’T.

Unbelief

**Mark 6: 1 – 6**

What are you hearing?

Does it line up with the truth of God’s word?

Unbelief prevented them from coming to Jesus to be healed

They saw him as carpenter not conqueror.

They were hostages to unbelief.

Psalm 112: 6 – 8

His heart is **fixed** (established), trusting in the Lord. His heart is **established**.