

# CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

## Divine Healing

**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.**

We believe and proclaim:

- Jesus as Savior
- Jesus as Baptizer in the Holy Spirit
- Jesus as Healer
- Jesus as Soon Coming King

### **The Problem of Sickness**

#### **Romans 5:12**

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

#### **Causes of Sickness:**

- **Personal sin**

#### **John 5:14 (NLT)**

But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you."

#### **James 5:14-16 (NIV)**

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

- **Demonic attack**

#### **Luke 13:11 (NCV)**

A woman was there who, for eighteen years, had an evil spirit in her that made her crippled. Her back was always bent; she could not stand up straight.

- **Living in a fallen world**

#### **Mark 1:29-31 (NIV)**

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. 31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

- **Malnutrition/Poverty**

- The aging process

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV)

27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

## God's Provision for Sickness

### 1. Healing Is A Characteristic Of God's Nature.

- God reveals Himself to be the healer.

Exodus 15:26 (ESV)

"I am the Lord, your healer."

- *Yahweh-Rapha*

*Yahweh-Rapha* has the power to heal:

- Physically

2 Kings 5:10 (GNT)

Elisha sent a servant out to tell him to go and wash himself seven times in the Jordan River, and he would be completely cured of his disease.

- Emotionally

Psalms 34:18 (NIV)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

- Mentally

Daniel 4:34 (NIV)

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

- Spiritually

Psalms 103:2-4 (NLT)

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He *forgives* all my sins and *heals* all my diseases. He *redeems* me from death and *crowns* me with love and tender mercies.

- God desires to heal because it's his nature to heal.

Hebrews 1:3a (CSB)

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature.

### 2. Healing Is An Integral Part Of The Gospel.

Four scriptural proofs indicate that healing is part of the gospel:

- Jesus commanded healing when He commissioned His followers.

Matthew 10:7- 8 (NIV)

"As you go, proclaim this message:

‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

- **Jesus declared healing as a sign of the gospel message.**

**Mark 16:15-18** (NIV)

15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

**John 10:38** (NLT)

“But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don’t believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father.”

- **Jesus and the apostles set an example for us by healing the sick.**

**Matthew 8:16-17** (NIV)

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

**Acts 5:12, 16** (NIV)

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. 16 Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

**Acts 3:6** (NIV)

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

**Acts 9:34** (NLT)

Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up, and roll up your sleeping mat!” And he was healed instantly.

### **3. Healing is Provided For Through Christ's Atonement.**

**Isaiah 53:4-5** (NLT)

He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

**1 Peter 2:24** (NIV)

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

## God's provision for healing aligns with God's sovereignty in healing.

- The fact that healing is integral to the gospel does not imply that healings are universally guaranteed or always instantaneous.

### 2 Timothy 4:20 (NIV)

Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

### 1 Timothy 5:23 (NIV)

Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

### Galatians 4:13-14 (NLT)

Surely you remember that I was sick when I first brought you the Good News. But even though my condition tempted you to reject me, you did not despise me or turn me away. No, you took me in and cared for me as though I were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself.

So, how should we respond to what the Bible teaches about healing?

- **We believe and pray for divine healing.**

What if we don't see evidence of healing?

- **When people are not immediately healed, we keep believing and praying, trusting God with the results.**