



Message Two – Divine Healing
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Psalm 103:1-5

Last week we looked at the first benefit of our life in Christ – *Forgiveness*. This week we will look at the second benefit that David lists in Psalm 103 – *Healing*.

It is worthy of noting that David's putting these two blessings together in one verse follows a common practice in scripture...

Isaiah 53:5, *But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could have peace. He was whipped so we could be healed.* NLT

1 Peter 2:24, *Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And you are healed because of his wounds.* NCV

Isaiah 53:4, *Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.* NRSV

Matthew 8:16-17, *Many demon-possessed people were brought to him. He drove out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. In this way what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled: "He took our weaknesses and borne our diseases."* NET

WHY?

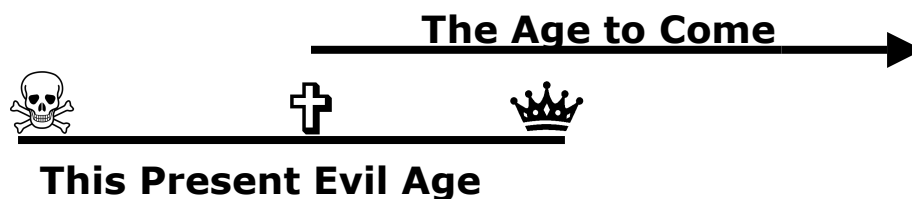
The truth of divine healing as taught in the Scriptures often creates a **tension** within us.

Our minds are filled with many “why questions” when we read, “he heals all our diseases.”

Is this true that God heals? How can we be sure?

Because the **Scriptures** say so.

We live in the overlap of this present age and the age to come. (1 Corinthians 2:6-8; Galatians 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:19-23)



Hebrews 6:5, Tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come. NIV

Romans 8:23, We who have a foretaste of the Spirit are in a state of painful tension, while we wait for that redemption of our bodies. Phillips

How?

Healing comes to us the same way as salvation comes: by **grace** through **faith**.

Ephesians 2:8-9, *For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 it is not from works, so that no one can boast.* NET

Luke5:23-24, *Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralyzed man—"I tell you, stand up, take your stretcher and go home."* NET

What If?

What if you pray and are not healed?

It is not true that faithful people do not get sick.

It is not true that faithful people don't stay sick.

It is not true if a person prays hard enough in "faith" God will remove an affliction.

It is not true that if you feel God has abandoned you he has.

Philippians 1:20, *My confident hope is...that Christ will be exalted in my body, whether I live or die.* NET

Colossians 1:5, *Your faith and love have arisen from the hope laid up for you in heaven, which you have heard about in the message of truth, the gospel.* NET