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Characteristics of a healthy church

11:17-34

The Healthy Church

1. Keeps the main thing, the main thing = Jesus
2. The Gospel is Central = the wisdom & the power of God
3. Holy Spirit = Key to transformation
4. Strives for , righteousness, holiness & purity

The Healthy Church

5. Biblically loves God & others = foundation of the church
6. Gains biblical knowledge to build up the body not puff itself up or lord over others
7. Doesn't fight for personal rights, but seeks right relationships and right living!
8. Offers the Gospel for free!

The Healthy Church

9. Is Humble and Vigilant in their relationships with God, each other and the world around them!
10. Is Careful in How it represents God's Word, His Kingdom & The Gospel in Corporate Conduct & Worship



**Everyone is equal at the
foot of the cross!**

1 Corinthians 11:2 & 17-22

- ★ Sounds like they the potlucks were frequent in those days!
 - **Acts 2:42-47** - Early church
- ★ Issue of Divisions is coming up again
 - Rich, poor, slaves, etc eating together... like a high school lunch room?
 - Note what Paul says about differences here (Eph. 4:11-16)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- ★ Note 2 things: "*New Covenant*" & this proclaimed His death "*until he comes*"
- ★ Paul learned from the Apostles
- ★ **Luke 22:7-30** - Note 3 Things:
 1. They were celebrating Passover
 2. Jesus not going eat it again...
 3. Jesus shared with Judas

1 Corinthians 11:27-33

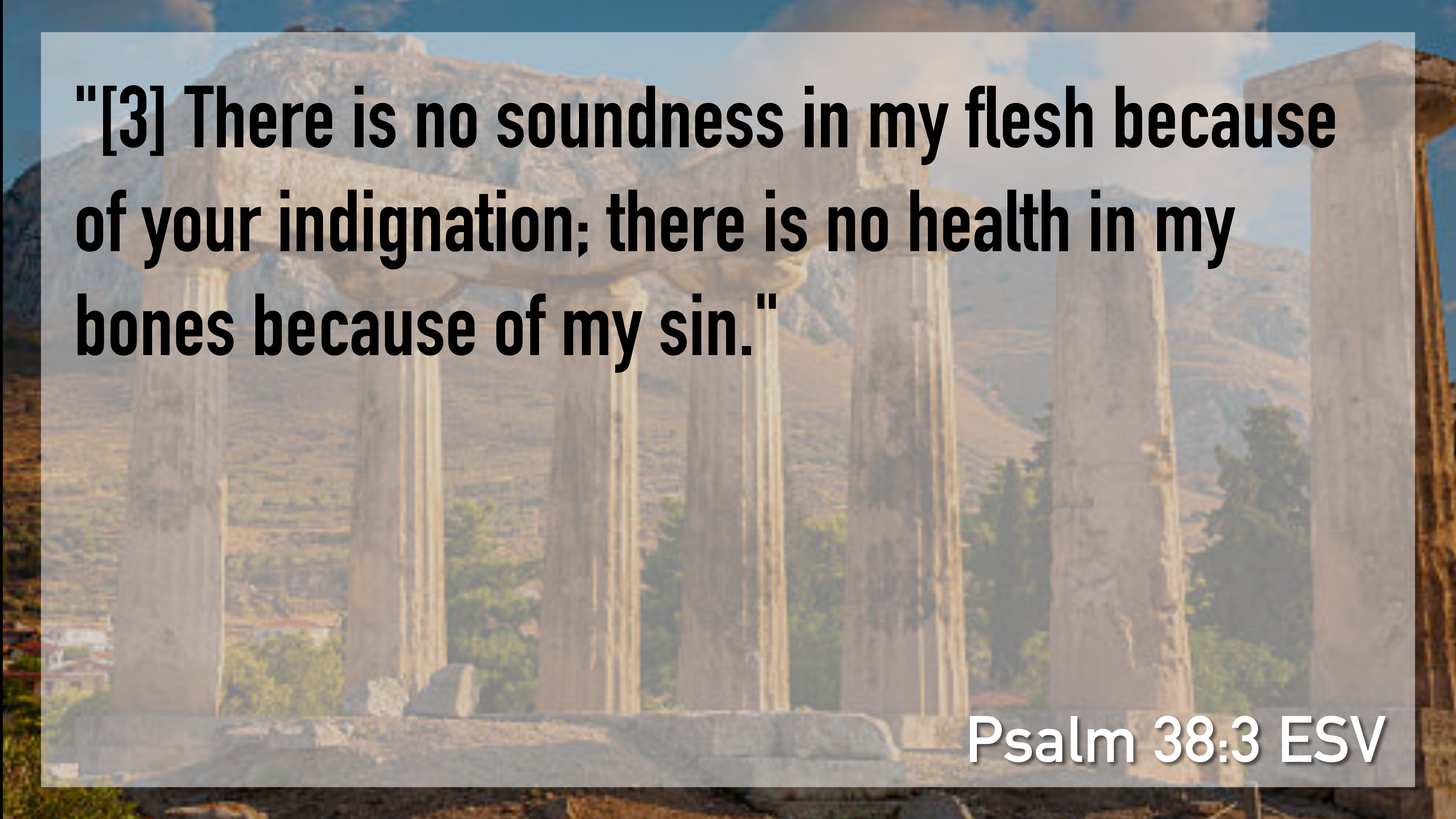
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"[18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.."

John 3:18-28 ESV

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"[3] There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin."

Psalm 38:3 ESV

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 - **Spiritual issues can impact our health...**

Luke 24:13-32

**After Communion their
Eyes were Open!**

2 Reasons Communion is so Important:

1. It Opens Our Eyes! Heb. 2:9-18

- ★ The Past Reality
- ★ My Present Reality
 - "New Covenant" (Rom. 7:1-6) = my birth certificate
 - Jesus has done it all
- ★ Our Future Reality

2. A Way for the World to see!

**Communion is one of the
best ways the church can
proclaim or preach Christ &
the Gospel...until he returns!**