

Divine Healing for Today Part-10

Two weeks ago we studied the words of Amy Semple McPherson, whom God used mightily in healing revivals in the early 1900's. The following words she wrote allude to Heb. 5:12-14. "Divine healing...is not performing a ceremony, it is not wringing a petition from the heavens by the logic of faith & the force of your will, but it is the inbreathing of the life of God. **It is the living touch which none can understand except those whose senses are exercised to know the realities of the world unseen.**"

Let's continue with where we left off last at verse 14. **Heb. 5:14 TPT** "***But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they've experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful.***"

SFLB note on 5:14: "The more advanced teachings are adapted to mature believers, whose spiritual **senses** are able to discriminate between sound and unsound doctrine and between wholesome and unwholesome conduct."

Duffield and Van Cleave in Foundations of Pentecostal Theology: "Divine Healing is Divine Life in the physical body. It is part of that life which is *"in Christ."* Paul testified to Christ's life in him: **Gal. 2:20** says, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

"Here are two verses, **2 Cor. 4:10-11 TPT**, which are most explicit concerning the life of Christ in the mortal body: *"We continually share in the death of Jesus in our own bodies (or "We carry about in the body the death of Jesus") so that the*

resurrection life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity. 11. We consider living to mean that we are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that the life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity." This does not only mean spiritual life in our unseen spirit, but His Life in our very flesh that is the mortal part of us – the physical body. This is blessed identification with Christ to the effect that the mortal body is benefited thereby. Paul is not talking about a new kind of living, but a new kind of life. *"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones"* (**Eph. 5:30 NKJV; Gen. 2:23 NKJV**): *"And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*) **1 Cor. 6:15 NKJV**: *"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?"* It is His Life – the life of the Head – that flows through the body: *"...strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man..."* (**Eph. 3:16 NKJV**); *"filled with all the fullness of God"* (**Eph. 3:19 NKJV**). Triumphant faith will not allow this to be limited to spiritual needs alone. Think of the power of the fact *"...that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you..."* (**1 Cor. 6:19 NKJV**). Some people are not content to live in a dirty, broken-down house. They immediately lean it up and strengthen its structure. When the Holy Spirit comes in, if we will yield to Him, He will cleanse and heal the temple of the Christian's body."

"Kenneth MacKenzie describes the relationship of Christ's Life and Spirit and the body:

"Divine healing is just Divine Life. It is the union of our members with the very body of Christ, and the inflowing life of Christ in our living members. It is as real as His risen & glorified body.

"It is as reasonable as the fact that He was raised from the dead, and is a living man with a true body and a rational soul today at God's right hand. That living Christ belongs to us in all

His attributes and power. We are members of His body, of his flesh, and His bones; and if we can only believe it, we may live upon the very life of the Son of God.

“No longer are we in bondage to the old sentiment that the body is a miserable tenement in which we endure our confinement until at last we are released. But it becomes the

scene of the sanctifying inworking of the Holy Spirit, which, pressing every niche of our being, permeates the whole with

His Holy energy, and insures the possession and experience of Christ’s very life.”

Actually, if you read **Ephesians 3:14-21** in **The Passion Translation**, what I just read is the only thing I know that makes spiritual sense out of what the Apostle Paul wrote there. Is it a mystery? Yes indeed. However, the Lord reveals mysteries through His *Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of God, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened (Eph. 1:17)*. That’s what He did to me two weeks ago when I took communion in the 8:00 am prayer meeting in the Y/YA building and He revealed to me when my wife prayed over the cup of His blood. It’s at that moment that I understood that we were partakers of being literal members of His spiritual body. And with that revelation I understood that all the provisions of grace were made for us to prosper and thrive with all our needs taken care of in Christ! **Further to that**, this A.M. on 5/20, I saw in our morning devotions where my wife and I read from **John 4:46-54 TPT**: “*Jesus entered the village of Cana of Galilee where He had transformed water into wine. He met there a governmental official from Capernaum whose son was very sick and dying. When he heard that Jesus had left Judea and was staying in Cana of Galilee, he decided to make the journey to Cana. When he found Jesus, he begged Him, “You must come with me to Capernaum and heal my son!”*”

“48. So Jesus said to him, “You (or “You all”) never believe unless you see signs and wonders.” **TPT note:** “The Samaritans believed without seeing miracles. See John 20:29 re: Thomas.”

“49. But the man continued to plead, “Come with me to Capernaum before my little boy dies!” **Father was relentless!**

“50. Jesus looked him in the eyes and said, “Go back home now. I promise you, your son will live.”

“The man believed in his heart the words of Jesus and set off for home. 51. When he was still a distance from Capernaum, his servants met him on the road and told him the good news, “Your son is healed! He’s alive!”

“52. Overjoyed, the father asked his servants, “When did my son begin to recover?”

“Yesterday,” they said, “at one in the afternoon. All at once his fever broke – and now he’s well!”

“53. Then the father immediately realized that it was at that very same hour that Jesus spoke the words to him, “Your son will live.” From that day forward, the man, his servants and all his family believed. **54.** Healing the official’s son was Jesus’ second extraordinary miracle in Galilee after returning from Judea.”

I saw in v. 50 how the grace of God in Christ is still working in the earth today as He did 2,000 years ago!

TPT note: “There is an interesting parallel in Jesus’ ministry in **John** with **Acts 1:8** **TPT:** “*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to **the end of the earth**.*” Jesus began first in **Jerusalem** (Nicodemus – John 3), then went to **Judea** (John 4:1-3), then to **Samaria** (the Samaritan woman – John 4:4-30) and **then to the people with**

no Jewish heritage (the healing of the nobleman's son, a gentile – John 4:46-54).

At about this time of the week, 2,000 years ago, 120 close disciples of Jesus were gathered in an Upper Room, no doubt the very one He celebrated the Last Supper in. They were being obedient to what Jesus told them to do in **Luke 24:45-49**, *“He supernaturally unlocked their understanding to receive the revelation of the Scriptures, 46. and said to them, “Everything that has happened fulfills what the Scriptures prophesied of Me. The Messiah was destined to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. Now you must go into all the nations and preach repentance (Aramaic reads “grace” or “conversion”) and forgiveness of sins so that they will turn to Me. Start right here in Jerusalem 48. for you are my witnesses and have seen for yourselves all that has transpired. 49. I will send the fulfillment of **the Father’s promise*** to you, so stay here in the city until you are clothed with the mighty power of heaven.”*

***TPT note:** “The Aramaic reads *“the kingdom”* or *“rule.”* The Father’s promise would be the coming of the Holy Spirit to live in them and empower them (**Acts 2:1-12**).”

SFLB note: “Jesus not only commissions them as **witnesses**, but promises the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the task (**Acts 1:8**). They are not to begin their mission until they receive **the Promise**.” That's what Pentecost is all about - the coming of our Father's Promise!

Interestingly, the writer of **The Gospel of Luke** is also the author of **The Acts of the Apostles**, who wrote meticulously and in great detail as you would expect of a medical doctor!

It's not by chance the Gospel of Luke is linked from **24:49 to Acts 1**, where:

- The Holy Spirit is promised,

- Jesus ascends to Heaven,
- A prayer meeting is held in the Upper Room,
- And Mathias is chosen to replace the scoundrel, Judas.

Then, in Acts 2, all Heaven breaks loose! What are we waiting for?! The Power has descended from on high. Let's be the witnesses that Christ Jesus called all of His disciples to be, now!

Matt. 24:18-20 TPT *“Then Jesus came close to them and said, “All authority of the universe has been given to Me. (Aramaic adds: “As My Father has sent Me, so I send you.”) Now wherever you go, make disciples of all nations (ethnos – ethnic groups), baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 20. And teach them to faithfully follow* all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age.”*

***TPT note:** “The Aramaic is “keep” or “guard” [a fortress].”) We have been called through every generation to be “defenders of the faith” committed to us through Jesus Apostles. May this Pentecost Sunday see such an awakening & stirring in our souls that we have to act on what He's saying to do next with passion and much grace!