

I. Introduction

On Easter Sunday, 2024, we covered specific benefits of the Cross including the sin issue, redemption from the curse, our inheritance and eternal destination.

There are other benefits of the cross that may be overlooked.

Psalm 103:1-5 (NKJV) – ¹*Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!* ²*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:* ³*who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,* ⁴*who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,* ⁵*who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's*

A. Healing is one of the most overlooked covenant benefits.

B. This Psalm reveals the will and the heart of God.

It is His heart's desire to heal the sick.

It is His will to heal the sick.

C. Healing was included in the first covenant.

1. Exodus 15:26 (NKJV) – *If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, give ear to his commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians, For I am the Lord that heals you.*

2. When the Lord re-connected a people on earth – to Himself through covenant, He not only began to communicate with them and bless them, BUT HE ALSO DECLARED HIMSELF TO BE THEIR HEALER.

3. When COVENANT connection was made between mankind and God – **HEALING WAS INCLUDED – God** not only refused to leave them disconnected from Him – but He also refused to leave them in their sickness.

D. Healing is in the New Covenant

1. Demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus.

Matthew 8:16-17 (NKJV) – ¹⁶When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.”

Matthew 8:17 (AMP) – so that He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES [upon Himself] AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”

Matthew 8:17 (ABPE) – He will take our pains and bear our sickness

Matthew 8:17 (CEV) – He healed our diseases and made us well.

Matthew 8:17 (GWT) – He took away our weaknesses and removed our diseases.

2. Declared by Jesus in the great commission.

Mark 16:18 (KJV) – (one of the signs was) – They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

3. Exemplified continually in the book of Acts.

4. Spoken of by Paul – *The gifts of the Spirit*

5. Spoken of by Peter

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV) – who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

6. Spoken of by James

James 5:14-15 (NKJV) – ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him

with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

II. Whatever is in the Covenant cannot be changed.

A. There are many who have tried to alter the covenant by staying:

- 1. Healing was only for a certain era.**
- 2. Healing was only for the ministry of the Apostles.**
- 3. Miracles and healings have passed away from the modern church experience.**

B. No one has the right to alter/change the covenant.

- 1. The Word of a covenant is not changeable unless the covenant includes the *right to amend or alter* within itself.**
- 2. When establishing our covenant with Himself, God bound himself by His own Word.**

Hebrews 6:13-18 (NKJV) – ¹³For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” ¹⁵And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. ¹⁷Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, ¹⁸that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Hebrews 6:16-18 (NLT) – ¹⁶Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. ¹⁷God also bound himself with an

oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. ¹⁸So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

Hebrews 6:16-18 (MSG) – *When people make promises, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question that they'll make good on the promise, the authority will back them up. When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave his word, a rock-solid guarantee—God can't break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable.*

3. God's covenant never changed, nor will it ever change.

If the blessing of the covenant isn't flowing in our life, it isn't because the covenant changed.

Whatever blessings were in the covenant at the time God established it, THEY ARE STILL IN IT FOR ME TODAY.

It has not weakened – It is not less – NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO ALTER IT! This is adding to or taking away from God's Word.

4. Because the benefit of Healing was included from the beginning in the covenants of God:

- a. **We expect healing.**
- b. **Healing is our right as the children of God.**
- c. **Healing is the nature of our Father.**
- d. **Healing is the children's bread.**
- e. **We lay hands on the sick, we expect them to get well.**
- f. **When hands are laid upon us, we expect to get well.**
- g. **I am the healed -according to my covenant blessings with God.**