

I. Introduction

Healing is included in the gospel.

A. Gospel = good news

Gospel of healing is the good news of healing

B. Salvation is a benefit package that includes more than just salvation preparing us for eternity.

C. Salvation includes provision for spirit, soul and body.

1. Jesus provided for the spirit. *Restoration of spirit.*

2. Jesus provided for the soul – *emotional – oppression – possession.*

3. Jesus provided for the body – *physical healing.*

D. Healing was not a big-product – or a less than item on His agenda.

Acts 10:38 (NKJV) – *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

Acts 10:38 (WNT) – *It tells how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, so that He went about everywhere doing acts of kindness, and curing all who were being continually oppressed by the Devil--for God was with Jesus.*

E. Jesus is as interested in Healing us – as He is interested in saving us!

1. We know He saves but does he heal?

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2. We know that when He was on earth, he healed the sick, but that was only to prove He was the son of God – does He still do that today?
3. **We must settle the issue – that Jesus still heals today – God wants us to be WELL/WHOLE/HEALED – and the same faith that saves us – is the same faith that releases healing in us.**
4. **Matthew 9:5-6 (AMP)** – ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven, and the penalty paid,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? [Both are possible for God; both are impossible for man. ⁶But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority and the power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your stretcher and go home.”

Jesus illustrates that both forgiveness and healing are in His ability.

Jesus illustrates that healing is just as much in His mission as forgiveness.

For some people – it is easier to receive His forgiveness than healing. But HE PUTS THEM BOTH IN THE SAME PACKAGE!

II. Healing and the Full Gospel

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV) – *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”*

A. The ministry of Jesus: Preaching and Healing

1. **Matthew 4:23 (NKJV)** – *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.*

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2. **Matthew 9:35 (NKJV)** – *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

B. Jesus never sent anyone to preach with a commission to heal the sick.

1. **Luke 9:1-2 (NKJV)** – ¹*Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ²He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

Luke 9:6 (NKJV) – *So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.*

2. **Luke 10:1 (NKJV)** – *After these things the Lord appointed [a] seventy others also and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.*

Luke 10:8-9 (NKJV) – ⁸*Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. ⁹And heal the sick there, and say to them, the kingdom of God has come near to you*

C. The Commission to the Church

Mark 16:14-20 (NKJV) – ¹⁴*Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” ¹⁹So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was*

received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

D. The Early Church and Healing

- 1. When Peter declared the reason for the healing of the lame man in Acts 3, He states:**

Acts 3:16 (NKJV) – *And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

- 2. Continued healings through the early church**

- a. Acts 5:12-16 (NKJV)** – ¹²*And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all in one accord in Solomon’s Porch. ¹³Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.*

- b. Phillip the Evangelist**

Acts 8:4-8 (NKJV) – ⁴*Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. ⁵Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed, and lame were healed. ⁸And there was great joy in that city.*

- 1) He was not Phillip the Apostle.**

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2) **This abates the theory that miracles were only by the hands of the Apostles and that they ceased with the last apostle’s death.**

c. **Others**

- 1) Aeneas healed in Acts 9.
- 2) Dorcas raised from the dead Acts 9.
- 3) Acts 14 – Paul is preaching at Lystra – cripple man healed.
- 4) Acts 19 – God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul – handkerchiefs and aprons – diseases left, and evil spirits went out.
- 5) Acts 28 – Malta – everyone on the island was healed.

Note: Wherever THE GOSPEL was preached – healings and miracles occurred. The Full Gospel includes HEALING! Healing never ceased.

d. **Paul’s instruction regarding the gifts of the Spirit**

Specifically in Corinthians

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NKJV) – ⁴*There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

Gifts of healings

Working of miracles – *Paul would not have given instructions for gifts that had ceased.*

e. **James Instruction**

James 5:14-15 (NKJV) – ¹⁴*Is 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*

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of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.