

I. INTRODUCTION / REVIEW

A. Previous Sessions

1. Building a strong foundation for healing

- *Why we believe it is God's will to heal*

2. Creating an atmosphere for healing

- *If the inward atmosphere of your life is turmoil, healing doesn't flow. We must have an inward atmosphere of faith and peace to experience divine health.*

3. Staying in the place where Healing flows

- *Healing flows where it is believed for and taught.*
- *Healing doesn't flow in places where doubt and unbelief are the predominant atmosphere.*

II. IDENTIFYING WITH THE HEALING JESUS

A. Most churches/denominations embrace the saving work of Jesus:

1. He saved us from sin.
2. He suffered on the cross on our behalf.
3. He prepared us for heaven.
4. We identify with Jesus as the one who saved us from sin and prepared us for eternity.

B. Jesus did much more than prepare us for eternity, He gave us everything that pertains to life, including healing and strength for our bodies.

1. 2 Peter 1:3

NKJV "...as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue..."

International Standard Version "...His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the full

knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and excellence...”

- a. The sacrificial work of Jesus included everything that we need. He left nothing out!
- b. The physical body is extremely important to us. It is also very important to God because you cannot do any work for Him without a strong physical body.
- c. Jesus healed the sick nearly everywhere He went. It was important for Him to minister healing and good health to those who were sick.

C. In our new identity with Christ, it is imperative that we not only identify with Him as the One who dealt with our sin, but also as the One who dealt with our sickness.

Pastor’s Note: When you think of Jesus taking your sin, also think of Him as the one who took your sickness.

D. The Substitutionary work of Jesus

1. The Church of God Declaration of Faith – Article 11

“We believe divine healing if provided for all in the atonement.”

- a. Atonement in the New Covenant = Reconciliation to God through the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross.
- b. In the atonement, Jesus not only dealt with the issue of sin, but He also dealt with the sickness issue.

2. Isaiah 53:1-5 NKJV “Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is no* beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by

men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. **Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;** Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, **And by His stripes we are healed.**”

a. **Griefs and Sorrows: “Griefs” literally = “sickness” / “Sorrows” literally = “pains”.**

NASB “However, *it was* our sicknesses *that* He Himself bore, And our pains *that* He carried...”

Literal Standard Version “Surely, He has borne our sicknesses, And our pains—He has carried them, And we have esteemed Him [as] plagued, struck of God, and afflicted And He is pierced for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, The discipline of our peace [is] on Him, And by His scourging we are healed.”

b. **Our Substitute**

Much of Isaiah 53 is about Jesus taking from us:

- *He took our sin from us.*
- *He took our weakness from us.*
- *He took our sickness and pain from us.*
- *He took our punishment for sin – from us.*
- *He took the curse from us.*

c. **In Our Stead**

Jesus took what belonged to us!

- *This included sickness that came because of the fall in Genesis and the curse of the Law in Deuteronomy 28.*
- **“In our stead” = replacement for someone - in place of.**

Pastor’s Note: Many Christian people understand that Jesus went to the cross in their place – for their sin – but they fail to comprehend that He not only took their place dealing with sin, but also took their place in bearing sickness.

- *Surely, He has borne my sickness and carried my pain.*
- *By His stripes/ scourging/ beating – I am healed.*
- We need not only identify with Him regarding the sin issue, but also in sickness and pain.
- *He took my sin, sickness, and pain - I identify with Him as SAVIOUR and HEALER.*

3. If Jesus bore my sins, I do not need to bear them. If Jesus carried my sickness and pain, I do not need to carry it.

- a. When I become saved, I stop identifying as a sinner.
 - *Although I may still have struggles and failures, I do not identify as the OLD ME, I Identify with the NEW ME in Christ.*
 - **2 Cor 5:17 NKJV** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

- b. When I become saved, I should stop identifying as the sick. I should be identified with the healed.

- c. **Identify** meaning: to think of as being the same as; to think of oneself as; or to consider oneself as.
 - *When saved, I no longer think of myself as the unsaved or sinner. I now think of myself as “The Saved”, “The Righteous”, “The Redeemed”, “A Child of God”.*
 - *When saved – I should no longer think of myself as “The Sick”, I should think of myself as “The Healed”.*

- d. As children of God, we should not identify with sickness on the same level as the world around us.
 - *Most Christians expect to catch the same seasonal viruses as everyone in the world.*
 - *Most Christians expect no supernatural protection from the Lord regarding sickness and disease.*
 - *Most Christians rely on nothing different for healing that what the world around them relies on.*

Pastor's Note: *All of this seems to be the norm for most believers with no consideration of the many great healing promises that are declared throughout scripture.*

4. Begin to develop faith for your healing identity the same as you do for your sonship identity in Christ.

- a. I identify with Jesus as He took my sin and punishment.
 - *I see myself punished and slain with Him at the cross*
- b. I identify with Jesus as He carried my sickness and pain at the whipping post and at the cross.
 - *I see my sicknesses upon Him as He was bruised and beaten – I see all my pain upon Him as He went to the cross as my replacement.*
- c. I identify with Jesus when He was raised from the dead into new life.
 - *I see myself raised with Jesus – born again – to live a NEW LIFE in Christ Jesus.*
- d. I identify with Jesus that when He came out of the tomb – there was no sickness upon Him. All of the sickness that He took from me – He left it behind when He came out of the tomb.
 - *I see myself raised into new life with Christ. By faith I leave my sicknesses behind – wherever Jesus carried them to and left them.*

Pastor's Note: This is a new way of thinking. The Bible calls it mind renewal (see Romans 12).

- Start building an inward identity with Healing.
- Start building an inward identity with Strength
- Start building an inward identity that opposes sickness.
- Start building an inward identity of the healed in Christ!