



Divine Healing

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Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers.¹

The *Diving Healing* article gives a deeper understanding of this truth:

God is our **healer**. The problem of sickness and disease is directly related to the problem of **sin and death**. This act of **disobedience** introduced suffering and sorrow into the world and affected the choices of every human being who has ever lived.

1. Due to the fall of man, Satan uses **sin and sickness** as tools to destroy us and separate us from God. However, God provides **forgiveness and healing** in order to restore our relationship.

Genesis 50:20 (ESV) As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

2. God continued to be the healer of his people throughout the Old Testament whenever they truly sought after him with **all** of their hearts.

Exodus 15:26 (ESV) saying, “If you will **diligently** listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is **right** in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his **statutes**, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”

3. God did not stop with just the Israelites. He loved all people and his desire was for all people to worship and serve him. It was through his son that God demonstrated the fullness of his love. Jesus was the **exact representation** of God’s nature and character. Jesus revealed God’s will in action proving that it is in God’s heart and nature to heal all who are sick, troubled and oppressed by Satan.

¹ “Divine Healing,” The Assemblies of God, <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Statement-of-Fundamental-Truths#12> (Accessed August 25, 2017).

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4. Through the life and sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ, God provided His followers benefits: **freedom**, **restoration**, **forgiveness**, **healing**, and **eternal life**.

Matthew 8:16–17 (ESV) ¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

5. Matthew quoted a prophecy from Isaiah that stated that through the death of **Christ** he took up on the cross, our **weakness**, **illness**, and **diseases** and paid the price for them so we could be healed, physically and/or spiritually.

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

6. Jesus’ ministry focused on three areas of Gods plan for humankind.

Matthew 4:23–24 (ESV) ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues and **proclaiming** the gospel of the kingdom and **healing** every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.

7. Does God heal everyone? **No**.

We see this in John 5 where Jesus heals a man at the pool who was sick for 38 years, but others around him were not healed.

There are times when it is not clear why Godly people remain ill or not healed.

It is dangerous however, for us to not trust that God has an ultimate plan. Whether it is here on earth or in heaven, God heals. We must put our hope and **trust** in God alone.

Read Psalm 62 (ESV).

8. Is our lack of healing a sign of not enough faith? **No**
 - a. We see in scriptures that some had **faith** to be healed.

Acts 14:8–10 (ESV) ⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking.

- b. In John 5 we read about a man at the pool. John did not say whether he had faith or not. Instead, he knew if he got in the pool he could be healed.

John 5:6–8 (ESV) ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”

- c. Jesus confronted the apostles about their faith.

Luke 17:5–6 (ESV) ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

9. The Bible teaches that there are three points of contact for healing.

- a. The faith of the one being healed.

Matthew 9:27–29 (ESV) ²⁷ And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” ²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.”

- b. The faith of others on behalf of the one who needs healing.

Matthew 8:5–10 (ESV) ⁵ When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷ And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸ But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.

- c. The faith of one who is **empowered** to deliver the gift of healing.

1 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10. Are there hindrances to our healing? **Yes**.

Sometimes there are obstacles or barriers to receive our healing.

- a. **Keeping sin in your life**
- b. **Opening your life to demonic powers**
- c. **Unbelief and lack of faith**
- d. **Church or leaders not operating in the gifts.**

11. To be certain, sickness is not necessarily a result of one's own sin or personal spiritual failure.

John 9:3 (ESV) Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

God does choose to work through **difficult** situations, to move us where he chooses us to be for his glory.

12. God's word gives us clear instruction what we as believers should be doing for those who need healing.

James 5:15 (ESV) And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

John 14:12 (ESV) "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Read the *FireBible* Article: *Divine Healing*. Answer the following:²

God's Redemptive Provision

Comment: We live in a fallen world, so sickness may be caused by germs, viruses, mental or psychological problems, sin, or demons.

1. The Bible teaches that some sicknesses are caused by _____.
2. For sin, God provides _____ and deliverance; for death, God provides a resurrection and _____; for sickness, God provides _____.
3. What did the threefold ministry of Jesus include?

Revelation Concerning God's Will

1. What were 2 promises about healing that God gave His people under the old covenant (Exodus 15:26)?
2. What does the ministry of Jesus show us about God's will toward the sick or oppressed?

Comment: Healing for the body, soul, and spirit flows through the cross. Jesus already paid the full price to provide us with healing.

² Quentin McGhee, *Unlocking the Treasures of Your Fire Bible: Resources for Spiritual Understanding*, Springfield, MO, Life Publishers and Faith & Action Series, 2012, Page 192-193.

Memorize each of these key verses on healing: Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24.

3. What are the roles of humility and faith in receiving healing?

4. What are 3 ways in which healing can come through the church today?

5. Hindrances to Healing (List the hindrance and Bible Reference)
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

 - e.

 - f.

 - g.

 - h.

 - i.

6. Steps to Take for Healing (List the step and the Bible Reference)
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

d.

e.

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i.

j.

7. Does the Bible affirm the proper use of medical care? Explain