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Chapter One

Why Jesus Must Heal Every Christian and The Eight Healing Delivery Vehicles He Uses To Do It

The death of Christ relates back in time to two great covenants in the Old Testament, the Abrahamic covenant and the Mosaic Law covenant. Many view Moses' Law as distinct and separate from the Abrahamic covenant, but it is not. According to the New Testament, Moses' Law was added to the Abrahamic covenant until the death of Christ. That being the case, we must ask two questions; namely, what is the relationship between the Law and the Abrahamic covenant, and what does this have to do with our subject, "Why Jesus Must Heal Every Christian." Here are the answers.

Why Jesus Must Heal Every Christian

In the Abrahamic covenant, God promised the human race some staggering things. Beginning with Abraham, God promised him, his physical descendants, and ultimately the whole human race, salvation for their soul, healing for their body, prosperity for their pocketbook, and well being for their families. In the New Testament era, we Christians are grafted into that same, identical Abrahamic system, so that what God promised Abraham belongs to every Christian reading these words.

Every Christian, therefore, is entitled (right now) to healing for his body, prosperity for his pocketbook, and well being for his families in addition to salvation for his soul. These are the promises God made to Abraham, his physical seed, and prophetically, the Gentiles. See my book, *What Are Abraham's Blessings, Anyway?*

About four hundred thirty years later, God added the Law to that Abrahamic covenant to deal with the sins of Abraham's physical descendants. In addition, He dealt with their sins in such a way that Abraham's seed did not lose their blessings of salvation for their soul, healing for their body, prosperity for their pocketbook,

and well being for their family. In other words, God added the Law to deal with their sin problem in a way that enabled them to maintain their Abrahamic Blessings of healing, prosperity and family well being, in addition to the salvation of their soul.

Many view Moses' Law as a vehicle designed purely to make somebody guilty. For them, God designed it to bring guilt and damnation upon everybody by dreaming up a bunch of "thou shalt nots" that nobody can perform, making it a "ministration of death" and an "instrument of damnation." It would have been, had God not placed a sacrificial system with it. Built into the Law, however, God included a sacrificial system; consequently, when a Jew sinned in the Old Testament, he simply made the right sacrifice in the right spirit and the Abrahamic blessings of healing, prosperity, family well being and salvation continued in full force for him with no interruption.

To put it differently, God added the Law to Abraham's covenant so that He could deal with the sin problem and at the same time maintain the blessings in that covenant for the seed of Abraham. To put it another way, He said that thou shalt not do such and such and that thou shalt do such and such. If someone broke a particular Law and made the proper sacrifice, the four Abrahamic blessings cited above, continued without interruption for that person. However, if a Jew committed a sin and did not perform the proper sacrifice in the right spirit, the blessings of Abraham shut down (immediately ceased) for him, then and there. He lost his healing, prosperity, the well being for his family and his salvation until he made the proper sacrifice. When he repented of his sin and demonstrated his repentance by sacrificing properly, the blessings of Abraham started over for him, beginning with the very moment of his sacrifice.

When Jesus came, He became the final sacrifice for sin under Moses' Law. Therefore when a Jew receives Christ as his final sacrifice for sin under Moses' Law, the blessings in the Abrahamic covenant continue for him without interruption. He keeps what he had from birth in the Abrahamic covenant; namely, healing for his body, prosperity for his pocketbook, well being for his family and the salvation of his soul.

However, the Jew who does not accept Jesus as God's final sacrifice for sin under Moses' Law, but chooses rather to stay with the sacrifice of the blood of bulls and goats, loses all the blessings he was born with in the Abrahamic covenant because *God no longer accepts the blood of bulls and goats*. That Jew is as lost and on the road to hell as any Gentile heathen who ever lived. See this author's book, *What've They Done With Abraham's Blessings?*

When a Gentile accepts Christ as his personal savior, he is grafted into the same Abrahamic covenant. He has, by grafting, the same salvation, healing, prosperity and well being for his family that the Jew has had since the book of Genesis. By grafting, we Gentile Christians become Abraham's seed. (I call them *The Abrahamic Seed Group*.) In addition, Gentiles are grafted into the Abrahamic blessing system on an equal footing with the Jews. Now, we are all, both Jew and Gentile, living and operating in the Abrahamic blessings. For a complete explanation of Gentile grafting, see my book, *The Unbroken Force of Abraham's Blessings*.

Jesus Did Six Things To Moses' Law Which Abolished It

The death of Christ was God's final sacrificial death for sin. His death ratified the Abrahamic covenant, on the one hand, and abolished the Mosaic Law covenant on the other hand. Actually, Jesus did six things to Moses' Law which abolished it. See the two passages below.

Eph 2:14-16

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: (KJV)

Col 2:14

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; (KJV)

From the above Scriptures, we can see the six things Jesus did to the Law in his death.

- (1) He broke it down.
- (2) He abolished it.
- (3) He slew it.
- (4) He blotted it out.
- (5) He took it out of the way.
- (6) He nailed it to his cross.

So the death of Jesus related to these two great institutional covenants of the Old Testament, the Abrahamic covenant and the Mosaic Law covenant. In his death, Jesus ratified one and abolished the other. In my book, *How To Obtain Healing and Prosperity When You Don't Feel Worthy Enough*, I give you a complete, faith building explanation of the above.

Since Jesus' death ratified the Abrahamic covenant, which granted us healing for our bodies, it only makes sense that the Scriptures ought to spell it out, over and over, that (because of this ratification) God's will, for us, is our complete healing at all times. Do the Scriptures spell this out over and over? In point of fact, *the Scriptures do spell it out*.

They spell it out by showing us that God has at least eight ways that He heals us. In this work, we refer to these eight ways as his *Healing Delivery Vehicles*. Of these eight *Healing Delivery Vehicles*, only one of them, "the anointing", requires nothing on the part of the one being healed. The other seven all require an act of faith on the part of the one being healed. Consequently, we must divide God's *Healing Delivery Vehicles* into two distinct sections or parts.

Part One contains no requirement at all for the one being healed. Part Two of God's "Healing Delivery Systems" requires an act of

faith on the part of the one being healed. In the next few pages all eight of them are listed along with their Scripture references. Furthermore, your required act of faith is described for all seven of them.

Part One of God's Eight Healing Delivery Vehicles

Healing Delivery Vehicle #1

God delivers your healing through his anointing (Acts 19: 11-12) and the gifts of healing (1 Corinthians 12: 8-11).

Acts 19:11-12

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. (KJV)

1 Cor 12:9

9 ..to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; (KJV)

Keep firmly fixed in your mind that this is the only way God heals which does not require an act of faith on the part of the one being healed. This is the "famed" anointing we emphasize so much in our Charismatic churches. But in our emphasizing it, we have made it dangerous. It is dangerous because we have left the impression to the uninitiated that if one is not healed in one of our great healing meetings, then all is lost. We have left two wrong impressions: God does not love them, and it is not God's will for them to be healed. So they give up. When they give up, they will die if their sickness is serious enough.

The leadership in today's healing movement and ministry must change this terrible mistake of stressing the anointing to the exclusion of God's other seven Healing Vehicles. We must place as much stress and emphasis on two Bible truths; namely, that the anointing is only one of eight ways God heals, and that no one controls it. We must emphasize that the anointing is

sovereign. It is under God's exclusive control. No one can coax or coerce Him into touching and healing a specific person with it. It is absolutely under his sovereign control.

In other words, God grants some people a miraculous healing by the anointing. It appears to me, however, that He passes by most of them in the great healing meetings, leaving a huge number of people not healed. Moreover, the greatness and reputation of the man of God conducting the anointing meeting matters not; you cannot rely on the anointing to touch you. Although God may touch and heal others sitting right beside you, He may not touch and heal you with his miraculous anointing.

You cannot depend on this anointing. But you can always depend on the other seven Healing Delivery Vehicles. They must always work. They must always deliver your healing, and they always do just that. They always deliver the healing contained in them for every Christian.

I appeal to the leadership in the healing ministries. Place as much teaching and emphasis on the other seven ways that God heals his children as you do concerning the anointing that you do not and cannot control. Too many of God's children die prematurely because we overemphasize the anointing to the exact degree we under-emphasize the other seven Healing Delivery Vehicles.

Part Two of God's Eight Healing Delivery Vehicles

In Part Two, each of the seven Healing Delivery Vehicles (presented below) requires an act of faith on the part of the one being healed. Through one or more of these seven Healing Delivery Vehicles, Jesus must heal every Christian. He does not have to heal any Christian with the miraculous anointing and/or the gifts of healings. Since He does not have to heal anybody with the anointing, shouldn't we, the leaders in the healing

ministries, plainly declare this fact, so there could never be any misunderstanding about it?

Healing Delivery Vehicle #2

God delivers your healing through the laying on of hands.

Mark 16:18

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)

Your act of faith is very simple in this Healing Delivery Vehicle. Just lay your hands on the sick person and say, "In Jesus' Name, Heal!" If you are the sick one, you may choose to get a believer to do it for you.

Healing Delivery Vehicle #3

God delivers your healing with his anointing oil combined with the prayer of faith.

Mark 6:13

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. (KJV)

James 5:14-16

14 Is any sick among you? 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:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (KJV)

Your act of faith to activate this Vehicle is also very simple. Anoint the sick one with oil and ask God, based on His own Word, to heal him/her. If you are the sick one, have someone

(the elders) do it for you. For a simple step by step guide to obtaining the healing God promised to you in the Abrahamic covenant, see our book, *How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings*.

Healing Delivery Vehicle #4

God delivers your Healing by your believing and then speaking his Word.

Mark 11:23

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. (KJV)

Your part in this is to command (using Jesus' name) a sickness to leave your body or the body of a loved one. You will have whatsoever you say. The healing may not occur with just one command. If not, command it to go several times, even hours, days or weeks. You will win if you do not stop until the victory comes. The last chapter in this author's book, *How To Exercise God's Megaton Power Now*, gives practical, complete instructions in how to wage a protracted war against a sickness and win.

Healing Delivery Vehicle #5

God delivers your Healing through the agreement on earth by two or more people.

Matt 18:19-20

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (KJV)

Your part here is to get a believer to agree with you about your healing or the healing of a loved one. Be sure the one you get to agree with you is, in fact, a believer and not one who just gives

lip service to it. This subject is covered completely, in my book, *How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings*.

Healing Delivery Vehicle #6

God delivers your Healing by your believing that you receive it when you pray.

Mark 11:24

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (KJV)

"Believe", in Scripture, means to "walk out what the Scripture says." In this case, your part is to "act like it has happened", even before your healing occurs. In other words, make plans for your future just as though your sickness is already a thing of the past. This is Bible "believing." Also see *How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings*.

Healing Delivery Vehicle #7

God delivers your healing through the LORD's Supper when you understand it and receive it by faith.

1 Cor 11:26-30

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the LORD's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the LORD's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (KJV)

Your part in this one is to *understand the difference between the LORD's body and His blood*. His blood was given for the

remission of your sins. His body was broken for your physical healing. Take the LORD's Supper with this distinction in mind, and as you do, God will actualize in your body the healing procured by the breaking of Christ's body. My book, *What've They Done With Abraham's Blessings?* covers this subject completely.

Healing Delivery Vehicle #8

God delivers your healing through using Jesus' Name like a battering ram and a sledge hammer.

John 14:13-14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (KJV)

Acts 3:1-8

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. (KJV)

Your part here is simply to command the sickness to go. The root meaning of the word *ask* in both John 14: 13-14 is

"command." When these words are used in relationship with a "thing" or a "whatsoever", they should be translated "command". When these words are used in relationship with God, they should be translated "ask in the strongest manner possible." We do not *command* God, but we are authorized to *command* things, "in Jesus' Name".

Therefore, since sickness is a "thing" and a "whatsoever," your part in this is simply to *command* the sickness to go, "in Jesus' Name." Keep on *commanding* the sickness until it is gone. Many sicknesses require you to keep on *commanding* them for a period of time before you completely win the battle. But start now and keep on *commanding* it until you achieve complete victory in Jesus' Name. Most healings, in Vehicles #2 through #8, are a process of war, requiring an extended period of time. See chapter two in *How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings*.

Chapter Two

Why Physical Healing is in The LORD's Supper and How It Works To Heal You Now

In 1 Corinthians 11:23-30, the Apostle Paul demonstrates that healing for the body is in the LORD's Supper.

1 Cor 11:23-26

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the LORD's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the LORD's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (KJV)

Look at the word *new* in verse 25. This is not the Greek word NEOS, meaning *new in time*. This is the Greek word, KAINOS, which means *new in quality*. The New Covenant was not something *new in time*. It was already in existence. It was the same Abraham covenant that Jesus ratified with his own blood, giving it a quality it did not have before. Jesus' ratification made it *qualitatively new*. Consequently our New Covenant is the qualitatively new Abrahamic covenant (now known as the New Covenant or New Testament).

In the preceding chapter, I said, "Since Jesus' death ratified the Abrahamic covenant which granted us healing for our bodies, it only makes sense that the Scriptures spell it out that God's will for us is our complete healing at all times. Do the Scriptures spell this out over and over and over? In point of fact, *the Scriptures do spell it out.*" The Bible spells it out in the LORD's Supper. In this chapter I will show how Jesus' death relates to healing by demonstrating that healing is *contained in* the LORD's Supper.

What Is The LORD's Supper and What Does It Mean?

When God and Abraham made their covenant together back in Genesis 12, 13, 15, 17 and 22, God made sixty, distinct promises to Abraham. These sixty promises, collectively, form the Abrahamic covenant. Furthermore they made this covenant a Blood Covenant of Friendship.

In the Old Testament era, a Blood Covenant of Friendship was the most binding, solemn and serious form of agreement or covenanting known. It was more binding than a marriage. You could get a divorce in a marriage. You could not get a divorce from a blood covenant. It was binding to the death. In addition, it was usually binding on the respective families for generations. This was the agreement between God and Abraham.

The American Indians practiced a form of blood covenanting. You have seen the movies in which the Indian man and the white man became friends. They slashed their wrists, rubbed them together, and mingled their blood. They practiced a form of the Blood Covenant of Friendship. They became blood brothers. This is the exact form of the Abrahamic covenant.

A feast, in which animals were sacrificed, accompanied this form of covenant. Then the flesh and the blood of these animals stood for the flesh and the blood of the two people making the covenant. However, in Genesis Abraham had to give his own blood through the rite of circumcision rather than the blood of a substitute animal. In addition every male that was born into a Jewish home had to follow the same rite of circumcision. By drawing blood, they also entered the blood covenant of

friendship between God, Abraham and his seed. This lasted until the death of Christ.

With the death of Christ, God's own blood is now shed to complete and ratify the Abrahamic covenant. Why is this so? Because the Bible says that Jesus was God in human flesh. Jesus' blood, therefore, was the blood of God Himself. When Jesus climbed the cross on that Good Friday, the blood that gushed from his body, head, face, back, stomach, and the nail prints in his hands and his feet--the blood that poured out that day--was the blood of God Himself. After hundreds of years, the blood of God Himself was finally shed in that Blood Covenant of Friendship, completing and ratifying the Abrahamic covenant. You remember when God and Abraham made the covenant in Genesis, God's blood was never shed. The flesh and the blood of animals were substituted for the flesh and blood of God, but Abraham had to shed his own blood through circumcision.

When Jesus died, however, God's own blood was shed to ratify that Abrahamic Blood Covenant of Friendship. Now, both have ratified it with their blood, Abraham and his male descendants through circumcision, and God on the Cross of Calvary. Both have now shed their blood. Consequently, Jesus left us the feast of the LORD's Supper which is composed of the substitute body and blood of the Son of God.

Blood Covenants of Friendship contained a feast where both parties would eat the flesh and drink the blood of the substitute. In the Old Testament, however, they substituted wine or some other form of juice in the place of their own blood. In heathen cultures, though, they would drink the blood of the animal, and in so doing, they took into themselves the very life of the other person, the other party to the Blood Covenant of Friendship. From that point on, those who entered a Blood Covenant of Friendship actually possessed two lives, their own plus the life of their blood covenant friend.

The LORD's Supper is a substitute feast for the Blood Covenant of Friendship between God and Abraham. Consequently Jesus left us the LORD's Supper just before He ratified the Abrahamic

covenant with his blood in his death. It's one of the last things He did. Since this LORD's Supper is the substitute blood and body of God, it must accomplish some things *in us* as we partake of it, for we now possess two lives, our own plus the life of God, our Blood Covenant Friend. Because we possess his life, two things follow: first, when we partake of the LORD's Supper, we take into our being the prescribed substitute for his body and blood; secondly, the Holy Ghost lives in us now, to make real in us what Jesus wrought for us, both in his life and in his death. Remember, He procured our healing by the stripes on his back; we were healed, and we are still healed.

This substitute blood and body of God represents two things in our being: the salvation of our soul (cleansing of our sins), procured by his blood, and our physical healing, procured by his body. You know, of course, that the Bible does not talk about the blood relating to healing. It talks about his body relating to healing, while the blood relates to the forgiveness of our sins.

1 Jn 1:7

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (KJV)

In the above passage, "cleanseth", is in the Greek present tense, which means that the blood of Jesus Christ his Son *cleanses and keeps on keeping on cleansing* us from all sin.

But the body of Jesus is for our healing. Isaiah said that by his stripes we are healed. Peter said that by his stripes ye were healed.

Isa 53:5

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (KJV)

1 Pet 2:24

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes

ye were healed. (KJV)

Where were the stripes? The stripes were on his body. The body of Jesus Christ was beaten so badly, it didn't even resemble humanity. You see, the law allowed the soldiers to beat the prisoners with a Roman cat-of-nine-tails just before crucifying them. Many times a prisoner died from the beating. When the soldiers finished the beating, at the very least, the victims were in a state of shock. Their whole body was torn to bits.

A Roman cat-of-nine-tails is like an American bullwhip with nine little whips on the end of it, and each of the little whips had jagged pieces of metal or rock tied to them. Every lash dug out flesh and skin. I have read accounts which said that the whip wrapped around a person, opened up their front, and their insides poured out. I have read accounts which stated that the victim's face was beaten off and their teeth were knocked down their throat by the metal in the ends of the nine tails. I have read accounts in which they died before the beating was finished.

The above describes the condition of Jesus. They striped his body from one end to the other, cutting his skin to shreds. This beating turned Him into a jagged ribbon. Both Peter and Isaiah said that by these stripes we were healed, and we are still healed.

The blood and body of Jesus in the LORD's Supper is our substitute for the body and blood of God Himself. God ratified that Abrahamic covenant, to secure for us every blessing that He promised in it, which is salvation for the soul, healing for the body, prosperity for the pocketbook, and well being for our family. The body of Jesus Christ accomplishes our healing, for the Bible said that by his stripes we were, and still are, healed. The stripes they put on his back, having beaten Him into a bloody mass, heals us.

The book of Isaiah says that when they finished with Jesus, the people that saw Him were astonished. They said that his visage was marred more than any man. He didn't even resemble humanity. There was nothing left about Jesus Christ that

resembled humanity. He was beaten beyond recognition. He didn't even look like a person.

Isa 52:14

14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: (KJV)

His bones were pulled out of joint when He hung on the cross. his tongue swelled up and began to choke Him, for He said that his tongue cleaves to his jaws.

Ps 22:11-19

11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. (KJV)

The Roman soldier blindfolded Him, jerked his beard out of his face, knocked Him around and said that if you are the Son of God, prophecy to us and tell us (by looking through that blind fold) which one of us was it that hit you.

Luke 22:64

64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee? (KJV)

Matt 26:67-68

**67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,
68 Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? (KJV)**

Jesus was beaten beyond recognition. He looked like hamburger. The beating of his body produced the physical healing for the Abrahamic Seed Group. He shed blood his for our sins, but they striped his body for our healing. The LORD's Supper was the substitute feast of the Blood Covenant of Friendship in which his blood and body were replaced by the bread and juice. Jesus left us this that final night in the Upper Room.

How Does The LORD's Supper Heal Us?

We must partake in the Blood Covenant of Friendship, that substitute body and blood of Christ. That is our part. As we partake of it, we must understand that Jesus accomplished (in his death) the healing that God established between Himself and Abraham. The LORD's Supper enables us to take into our very being what Jesus accomplished for us; namely, He accomplished our healing by the beating He took on our behalf.

They beat Jesus to shreds (for our healing) just before He died. They beat Him without mercy, hung Him up, and his blood flowed to the ground for our healing. He became an unrecognizable mass for our healing. During and after that beating, God ratified the Abrahamic covenant by the blood of Jesus. Abraham's descendants had shed their own blood eight days after birth for centuries. When Jesus died, however, God poured his own blood out to ratify the Abrahamic covenant. Jesus' death ratified it, but his body was beaten to shreds to produce our physical healing contained in that covenant.

Furthermore, that same beating and death broke the grip of Moses' Law and destroyed it because Jesus took it to the cross with Him and abolished it. Jesus took it with Him to the cross and nailed it there; it disappeared from the face of this earth.

The LORD's Supper is a substitute feast of the body and blood of God Himself. The blood produces the continuous cleansing of our sins, and the broken body produces our physical healing. No wonder the Bible says that by his stripes we are and were healed. We were healed and still are, by the stripes on his body.

Can we get even more explicit? Yes. Look again at 1 Corinthians 11:29-30, still concerning the LORD's Supper.

1 Cor 11:29-30

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the LORD's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (KJV)

***What Is Eating and Drinking The LORD's Supper
"Unworthily?"***

What is this "unworthily" business mentioned in verse 29? Most people interpret "unworthily" to mean that *I eat and drink the LORD's Supper when I am not worthy*. If that's the right interpretation, then nobody would ever take the LORD's Supper, because there is not a worthy person reading this page. I don't care how sanctimonious you feel like you are. You still aren't worthy. Therefore, it has to mean something else. In other words, *it is not the person who is unworthy, but the manner in which it is taken*.

What, therefore, is this manner in which you *unworthily* take it that brings damnation on yourself? Before I answer that question, I must ask another question and answer it. What damnation? What damnation will you bring on yourself? What damnation can you bring on yourself if you take the LORD's

Supper in an *unworthy* manner?

***What Is The Damnation You Bring On Yourself By Taking
The LORD's Supper Unworthily?***

What is this damnation? Is it losing your salvation? Absolutely not. What is it then? *It is not getting your physical healing.* You still maintain your cleansing of sin, but you do not get your physical healing. Why? Here's how. (Now I am going to answer the other question, "What is this unworthy manner?") The unworthy manner in which some people take the LORD's Supper produces the damnation of not being healed for only one reason: *these people do not discern the LORD's body.*

To put it differently, *not discerning the LORD's body* is the unworthy manner that produces the damnation of not getting your physical healing. Look at the word *discern*, a Greek word which combines DIA, meaning "through", with KRINO which means "to judge." The combination, then means "to judge through" or "to judge between." Consequently, *discern* means "to make a distinction between" or "to discriminate."

So then, you must be sure that your don't take the LORD's Supper unworthily and bring upon yourself the damnation of not being healed. You must make a *judgment* or a *division between* the LORD's body and the LORD's blood. You must make a *judgment through*, that is, you must make a *distinction* between the LORD's blood and the LORD's body.

Paul says that these people were not *discriminating between* the LORD's body and his blood. You see, we fail to take into consideration what his body was striped up for.

We know why his blood was shed. Many people go to church today to be sure that they have enough fire insurance to stay out of hell. But there is so much more than that. We know about the blood. We know the blood is responsible for our salvation. We know the blood cleanses us from our sins and keeps on cleansing us. We go back week after week to hear this little baby story over and over again. (Of course, this is not just a baby

story. It is the most important story ever told.) If, however, this is all you have heard for ten, fifteen or twenty years, you can't be much more than a babe in Christ. You can't have matured much. You must develop your faith enough to know what the Bible says so you can act on it.

Then you will quit worrying about, "Am I saved or not." When you really understand one simple scripture, 1 John 1:7, which states, "The blood of his Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. . .," you will stop worrying about your salvation. "Cleanseth," (in the Greek present tense) means continuous action in present time. Not only does the blood of his Son Jesus Christ cleanse me from all sin, it cleanses me and keeps on cleansing me from all sin. Now when you master this, you will quit worrying about whether you are saved or not, and you will advance to the next level of maturity where you can make something of yourself for God.

As long as you stay on that infant formula, you will live in fear. There is no power of God in fear. God has not given us the spirit of fear, but the spirit of power. You must get over your fear or there will never be any power in your life. Everything you encounter will blow you off the wall because you don't operate in faith. You must get past this thing of "whether I am saved or not."

So the damnation that you bring upon yourself by taking the substitute feast unworthily is this: you are not healed. You didn't make a distinction between the blood of Christ and the body of Christ. You merge them together in the LORD's Supper and take it thinking only of salvation. You don't give one thought to the great Bible fact that the stripes on His precious body is the basis for your physical healing. You think only about your salvation as you participate in the LORD's Supper. Meanwhile, you are sick. For what reason?

You failed to make a distinction between the body of Jesus that was beaten to a pulp, cut to ribbons, and striped to bits for your healing, and His blood which was shed for your salvation and the cleansing of your sins.

Three Fold Damnation: Weak, Sick and Dead

Look again at 1 Corinthians 11:30, which says that because you didn't make a distinction between the LORD's body and His blood, many of you are weak and sickly and many of you sleep. We must look closely at three words here.

(1) Look at the word *weak*. It's the same word that is translated *infirmity* in many places. It's one Greek word which combines the Greek negative, *A*, with the Greek word for *strength*. This word, then, simply means *weak* or *without strength*.

Are you physically weak and without strength? Is it because you don't know what His body accomplished. You know what His blood accomplished, but you don't know what His body accomplished. You are weak. This lack of knowledge about His body, and your subsequent failure to act upon this knowledge, affects you physically because His stripes heals us. When we don't know what His broken, beaten body accomplished, we can't act on it. When we can't or don't act on it, we get weak physically.

(2) Not only does the above scripture say that we are weak, it also says that we are *sickly*. Look at the word *sickly*. This translates the Greek word, ARRHOSTOS, which is used five times in the Greek New Testament. In every case, it means *physical sickness*. You must really stretch your imagination to make this word mean *spiritually sick*. This word always means physically sick. Because we don't *make a distinction* or *discern* the LORD's body (because of this one thing) many are *weak* and *sickly* among you.

(3) The third thing Paul says here is that many *sleep*. Look at the word *sleep*. This Greek word also means *death*, but only when applied to a member of the Abrahamic Seed Group; namely, Christians. (See 1 Thessalonians 4: 13, 14 and 15; Acts 7: 60; 1 Corinthians 7: 39; 15:6 and 18:51 and 2 Peter 3:4.) When Paul said that many *sleep*, he really said that many *died*. Many people *died prematurely* because they never understood that they needed to make a *distinction* between His body and His blood, and appropriate the benefits of His body for their healing. Rather, than recover from their illness, they *died* prematurely.

The Blood Covenant of Friendship (LORD's Supper) feast is the substitution of the body and the blood of Jesus who was God in human flesh. We maintain our blessings in the Blood Covenant of Friendship between God and Abraham when we participate in it. We must understand it and act in faith on what it means. When Jesus died, God ratified the Abrahamic covenant with his own blood. He also abolished the Law through the death of Jesus. Make a distinction concerning the LORD's body and turn your situation around.

"Father, teach us the full meaning of the LORD's Supper that we may be healed by it. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Chapter Three

Why Your Body Has Already Been Redeemed From Sickness: Now, You Don't Have To Get Sick and Remain That Way

Because Jesus' death ratified the Abrahamic covenant, which granted us healing for our bodies, the Scriptures spell it out over and over and over that, because of this ratification, God's will for us is our complete healing at all times. In this chapter, we show that healing for our body is spelled out for us in the subject of redemption. We shall find here that our bodies have already been redeemed from sickness. We will look closely at Romans 8:22 and 23, a passage used by the critics of healing to prove their criticism.

Rom 8:22-23

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

(KJV)

There is a theology that says we cannot honestly teach healing for the body because the body is not redeemed yet. The followers of this theology declare that the spirit and the soul have been redeemed, but the body has not been redeemed yet, and they use the above verses to prove it. Therefore, they say that we cannot pray in faith believing that God is obligated to heal our body each and every time that we get sick. In other words, we cannot pray and know that it is the will of God for our bodies to be healed. Well, if that is the case, it goes right in the face of what I personally believe. I believe that it is the will of God for every child of His to be healed. I do not believe that it is the will of God for any Christian to be sick and stay that way. I believe this is what the Bible teaches, and I can prove it.

But someone might object, "If our bodies are redeemed already, how do you explain that plain statement above, that our bodies

are not redeemed yet? It said that we are waiting for the adoption, that is, we are waiting for the redemption of our body. If our body has been redeemed already, why is it and how is it that we are still waiting on it? "

We are, indeed, waiting for the redemption of our body, but not in the way the critic of healing thinks. As we shall soon see, this view (this theology that our body is not redeemed yet) is based upon a lack of understanding.

What Is The Difference Between The *Redemption* and The *Away-Redemption*?

Look closely at that word *redemption* in verse 23 above. *Redemption* translates one Greek word, APOLUTROSIS, which combines two Greek words; the Greek proposition APO (meaning away from) is combined with the Greek word LUTROSIS (meaning to loose after receipt of ransom). The word LUTROSIS is uniformly translated in Scripture by the word *redeemed* (verb form) or *redemption* (noun form). That is the word used here. It is combined with the Greek proposition APO which means *away from*. The combination of APO and LUTROSIS, then, means *away redemption*.

Now what is the significance of this word APO combined with LUTROSIS which means the *away redemption*? It means that our body has already been redeemed. It means that our body was redeemed at the same time as our soul and spirit.

Here is the significance of APO (meaning away) when added to LUTROSIS (meaning redeemed). It is as though I had a watch and I needed some money. So I took the watch to a pawn shop and hocked it. Let's say I got twenty dollars for it. I am to go back there one month later and give them back the twenty dollars plus interest and get my watch back. Therefore, at the end of the month, I give them twenty dollars plus interest, and they return my watch.

But I say, "Listen to me. I have paid the bill. I owe no more. However, I must go downtown to do some things. I want to leave

this watch here with you. I'll pick it up later in the day. Will you keep it for me for safekeeping?" And the fellow says, "Yes. I will keep it for you for safekeeping."

Remember this, I have already paid the bill, there's no more due on it, I just haven't picked up what's mine yet. It's still in the pawn shop although there are no obligations on it at all. In other words, I have not yet taken it away. I have redeemed it, but I have not taken it away yet. *I have redeemed it, but I have not taken it away yet.*

That's the meaning of the word translated *redemption* in Romans 8:23. It means that our body has been redeemed, but Jesus has left our body here. He hasn't taken it with Him into heaven yet. The word really speaks of an *away redemption*. The price has been paid. The price was the death of Jesus. You can find Scripture after Scripture that says the redemption price has already been paid.

I had to show you what this word *redemption* means so you will get it out of your mind that our bodies are not *redeemed* based on a misunderstanding of Romans 8:23. Our body is *redeemed*, but it is *not taken away* yet. The *away* part of our *redemption* has not yet occurred, and it will only occur at the rapture of the church.

We cannot conclude, therefore, that God will not heal us based on Romans 8:23 because some say that we are waiting for our bodies to be *redeemed* when Jesus comes. Therefore, they say, since we supposedly have an *unredeemed* body, that we cannot pray to God and expect it to be the will of God each and every time for us to be healed. This is absolutely not the teaching of Romans 8:23. So then perish the thought that the whole man has not been *redeemed* because he has. Jesus' blood paid the price of everything in order "to loose" us. As a matter of fact, LUTROSIS, literally means "to loose upon receipt of ransom." In this case, of course, the ransom paid was the very life of Christ.

The *redemption* (price paid) has loosed us from the grip and snare of the devil. The price that was paid was the blood of Christ. This price loosed us from all claims of both sin and Satan. We are loose, and liberty and freedom are the results of

our redemption. This is *the redemption*. This is actually what the word means. We are loosed and are therefore free. It's just that we have not been taken up yet. The *away redemption* has not occurred; the *paid redemption* has occurred. So what this means is that we just haven't been taken out yet, but we have been *redeemed*, all of us, including our body.

Since our body is *redeemed*, then God has a vital interest in our body. Does that make sense? If our bodies had the price paid to deliver it from sin, Satan, hell, etc., God must have a vital interest in what happens to our body. Romans 8:11 demonstrates this for us.

Rom 8:11-17

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

(KJV)

When you get saved, the spirit of God comes into you at that very moment and starts living inside your spirit man. Since the spirit of God is in you, and since your body has been *redeemed*, the Bible says that the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead shall also quicken or give life to your mortal body.

Reasons Why Romans 8:11 Absolutely Does Not Apply To The Rapture

Those who attempt to take away your healing say that this verse

applies only to the rapture. You know, there are so many things relegated to the rapture by people trying to take God's blessings away from us. If there is something they don't like they will say, "Well, that's going to be at the rapture." I beg to differ. This verse has nothing to do with the rapture, and I can prove it. Furthermore, I will show you why Romans 8: 11 has nothing to do with the rapture. You see, the scoffers say that God will give life to our bodies at the rapture when the dead are raised. But there are *numerous problems* here, if that's the case.

Reason #1 Why Romans 8:11 Doesn't Apply To The Rapture

If it did, a total rewriting of verses 11 through 17 would be required. Here's why. Verse 11 must read like this:

Rom 8:11

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies AT THE RAPTURE by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (KJV)

Furthermore, in verse 12, Paul draws a conclusion based on what he had said in verse 11. He uses two Greek words, ARA plus OUN (translated "therefore"), to show that his conclusion in verse 12 follows logically from verse 11. But if verse 11 pertains to the rapture, so does verse 12 (because of ARA plus OUN). Consequently verse 12 must read like this:

Rom 8:12

12 Therefore, brethren, AFTER THE RAPTURE, we WILL NOT BE debtors to the flesh, to live after the flesh. (KJV)

This is not all. Verses 13, 14 and 15, all start with the preposition "for" which translates the Greek preposition GAR. This Greek preposition, GAR, gives the ground or reason for a preceding statement. Therefore if verse 12 pertains to the rapture, then so do verses 13 through 15. They must read, then, like this:

Rom 8:13-15

13 For if ye live after the flesh AFTER THE RAPTURE, ye shall die AFTER THE RAPTURE: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live AFTER THE RAPTURE.

14 For AFTER THE RAPTURE as many as WILL BE led by the Spirit of God, they WILL BE The sons of God, BUT ONLY AFTER THE RAPTURE.

15 For AFTER THE RAPTURE, ye WILL NOT RECEIVE the spirit of bondage again to fear; but AFTER THE RAPTURE ye WILL RECEIVE the Spirit of adoption, whereby we WILL cry, Abba, Father AFTER THE RAPTURE. (KJV)

The logical absurdities do not stop with the above. If Romans 8:11 applies only to the rapture, then verses 16 and 17 must also be changed to reflect it. Watch.

16 The Spirit itself WILL BEAR WITNESS with our spirit AFTER THE RAPTURE, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, BUT ONLY AFTER THE RAPTURE.

Observe, below, the conclusions drawn from this nonsense.

Reason #2 Why Romans 8:11 Doesn't Apply To The Rapture

Another problem is Paul's choice of the word *mortal*. He said you are *mortal*. He said that God will quicken or give life to your *mortal* body. *Mortal*, in this verse, is the Greek word THNETOS, which is akin to the Greek word THANESKO which means *to die*. *Mortal* here means *death doomed*. It relates to a body that is still living but is in the process of aging and decaying and ultimately dying. Because it is living, it is death doomed. *Mortal* means subject to die. You see, we call ourselves *mortal* beings. God is *immortal*. He doesn't die. Anything that is subject to die is considered *mortal*. There is a death principle that operates in all of us, and that death principle makes us *mortal*.

The point I want you to see is that Paul was speaking to a group of people that were alive. They were living. Had he been speaking strictly about the rapture, he would certainly have said something about the *dead in Christ*. After all, they were so important in the mind of God that, *He will take them up, even before the mortal or living are changed and taken up*.

In addition, if Paul was telling a living group that God would quicken *their* (or your) living bodies at the rapture, this meant Paul was wrong in what he said since the rapture did not occur while they were still living or *mortal*. Therefore, this passage does not pertain to the rapture at all but describes what God is doing now to the bodies of living, *mortal* Christians.

In other words, the word *mortal* is completely wrong in this context. He says that God will *quicken* your *mortal* body or make your *mortal* body alive. Well, your *mortal* body is already alive. So I find a problem with the word.

Reason #3 Why Romans 8:11 Doesn't Apply To The Rapture

Those who relate this passage to the rapture will argue that although the people addressed in the verse are living, Paul said in other Scripture that living bodies would be changed at the rapture. Therefore, their reasoning goes, Romans 8:11 still applies to the rapture.

Consider verse 12, and look closely at the word *are*. We *are* not debtors to live after the flesh. We *are* is the Greek present tense which means continuous action or state of being in present time. Paul was speaking to a group of people in the church at Rome who were living people. They were alive. They were alive then and there. Furthermore he placed *are* in present time which means continuous action or state of being in present time for them. He said that since God is making our bodies alive (now) with the life of God, we *are* continuously not a debtor (now) to the flesh to live after its principles and way of doing things.

Follow Paul's logic here very closely. Since *are* is continuous in the present, this means the rapture had to occur then and there. It did not. Therefore, this passage could not and did not apply to the rapture.

The above statement will become absolutely clear, if we assume for a moment that the critics of healing are right, and that Romans 8:11 does apply to the rapture.

If the critics of healing are right and Romans 8:11 does in fact apply to the rapture, here is the logical conclusion. *After the rapture, there are two ways to live your life:* You can live your life by your own ingenuity, or you can live your life by faith. Let's contrast these two ways of living our lives after the rapture, assuming that the critics of healing are right and Romans 8:11 will not be fulfilled until the rapture.

Faith is knowing the will of God in advance and acting on that knowledge. This is walking or living in the spirit. On the other hand, living or walking after the flesh, is living by your own ingenuity, figuring things out yourself, conceiving your own scheme, living by your wits, being the captain and master of your own fate and soul. See *How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings*.

But is this possible? After the rapture, will the possibility for a Christian to live by his own wits (walking after the flesh) still be open to him/her? Absolutely not. Yet this is the logical conclusion if Romans 8:11 will only be fulfilled at the rapture. After the rapture, this possibility will no longer be open to us. Paul was, therefore, addressing options that pertain only to the present.

No wonder he said that we *are continuously* not (obligated) debtors (now) to have to figure things out (any longer) on our own, to have to scheme things out and conceive our own plan and plan our work and work our plan. This is what the unsaved must do. They are debtors to the limitations of the flesh and its principles. Unfortunately, carnal Christians live their lives this way also.

But no Christian has to live his life in this manner. We Christians are not debtors to live after the flesh anymore. We can find the mind of God on a subject and act on that. We can do this now. We are not obligated any more to live by our wits, because the Holy Ghost has done and is doing something to our mortal body (continuous action and state of being in present time). Even while Paul was speaking and living and writing, the Holy Ghost was quickening their *mortal* bodies. Otherwise, Paul could not have placed this statement in the present tense. He could not and would not have said that we are no longer a continuous debtor to live after the flesh now. *He would have said that we will not be a debtor in the future, because Romans 8: 11 will only be*

fulfilled at the rapture.

Understand this next statement well. Not only will the option of walking after the flesh no longer be a possibility for us, but neither will it be possible for us to die after the rapture. Need we say more? Yet if Romans 8:11 pertains to the rapture, this is the logical outcome; we can still die after the rapture. This is insane.

If, therefore, any of these Scriptures pertains to the rapture, Paul would not and could not make them at all for the simple reason that we would be in heaven. Common sense shows us that none of these statements (verses) would apply to us in heaven. To put it differently, the choice to live and walk after the flesh will no longer be an option to any Christian. We Christians can indeed walk after the flesh now. *But after the rapture* we will not have this option. Although we have the option to walk after the flesh now, we do not have to do it because the Holy Ghost is pumping the life and nature of God through our veins, enabling us to no longer be a debtor to the flesh now. In addition, after the rapture, death will no longer be a possibility for us. Therefore this passage does not pertain to anything that happens to Christians at the rapture, either to those Roman Christians, or to us today.

Reason #4 Why Romans 8:11 Will Not Be Fulfilled at The Rapture

But, somebody says, that He said He *will quicken* our bodies. He used the future tense. He said the spirit of God *will quicken* (future) your *mortal* body. Well, somebody says, that means that at some point in the future He is going to do this quickening, but not now.

Here is my answer to this hypothetical nonsense. *Will quicken* is a progressive future. In Greek, a progressive future describes what is occurring now that will continue in the future. Let me illustrate this with Philippians 1:6.

Phil 1:6

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (KJV)

That is a progressive future. God was already doing a good work

in those people. For He said that He has already begun it, and He said the work that He has begun, He will keep on doing it until Jesus actually comes back again. This is a progressive future. He is talking about something that had been going on in the past, was still going on, and is still going to keep on going on into the future.

So, what Paul is saying is this: God is doing some things to every cell of your body by the Holy Ghost Who dwells in you *now*, and not only is He doing it *now*, but He will keep on doing it *in the future*. The body has been redeemed, just like the soul and the spirit. Because of your redemption, the Holy Ghost has a vital interest in your body. Consequently, when the spirit of God starts living in you, He starts quickening every cell of your body. He begins to pump the life of God into every cell in your human frame and keeps on pumping it in the future.

Reason #5 Why Romans 8: 11 Will Not Be Fulfilled at The Rapture

Look at the word *quicken*. This is one Greek word which combines the Greek word ZOA (which means the life of God or the nature of God) and the Greek word POIEO (which means to do or to make). In other words, the Holy Ghost is going *to make* or *to do* or *quicken* (make alive) the life of God in your human body now. Do you know that the very nature and life of God is being pumped into the various cells and muscular structure of your physical flesh at this very moment? Even as you are reading these words, the Holy Ghost is in your very being, pumping the life of God through your veins now. Moreover, this life (there are three different Greek words for life) is the life of God, the nature of God, the life that only resides in God. This is the life that is being pumped into and through the structure of the cells of our physical bodies right now.

No wonder Paul said we are no longer debtors to the flesh, to live by its dictates, deeds, and principles. We have a power inside of us that liberates us from the dictates and deeds of the flesh. I don't have to succumb to it. When sickness strikes, I don't have to tolerate it. If I am still stuck with living by the principles of the flesh, I am at the mercies of the medical profession. But I am

not stuck with living within the limitations imposed on me by the flesh. I am no longer a debtor to it for the very power of God is surging through the cells of my body. That's what this Scripture says.

Reason #6 Why Romans 8:11 Will Not Be Fulfilled at The Rapture

Here is the clincher. What is the definition of *redemption*? It means *loosing upon receipt of ransom*. Surely, we can all agree that the price of our *redemption* is the death of Christ. This being the case, if our body has not been loosed because it has not been *redeemed* yet, then the *redemption* price for our body has not been paid yet. Since the price of Christian *redemption* is the death of Jesus, then Jesus must pay for our bodies at the rapture. But with what price? *If Romans 8:11 will be fulfilled only at the rapture, Jesus must die again when He comes back, since there is no other Biblical way for us to be redeemed.*

The above is silly. Romans 8:11 has nothing to do with the rapture. When you read Romans 8:11, remember the word *mortal* that is applied to living people. Remember the Greek present in the next verse which says we are continuously not debtors now any longer to the flesh, (Greek present tense means continuous action in present time and not way out in the future at the Rapture). So don't let somebody tell you that this is future! *He "will quicken" us with the life of God is a progressive future like Philipians 1:6, which declares that what is going on now will keep on keeping on in the future .*

We have found four things about our body so far:

- (1) The body is redeemed
- (2) It just hasn't been taken away yet
- (3) The Holy Ghost is vitally interested in our body
- (4) Therefore He is pumping the life of God into our very cells right now

More Proof That God Has a Vital Interest In Your Body Now

First Corinthians 6:13-20 also demonstrates God's vital interest

in your body.

1 Cor 6:13-20

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (KJV)

Verse 13 above says that the body is for the Lord and the Lord is for the body. Let me ask you a question. If the Lord is for my body and if my body is for the Lord, then does it not make sense that the Lord would have an interest in my health? You can bet the ranch on it! The Lord has an intense interest in my health.

Look now at verse 15, which asks, "Know you not that your bodies are the members of Christ?" You are aware of the silly teaching that we are to glorify God through our sickness. Can you imagine a sick Christ? We have no record that Jesus was ever sick a day in his life. Can you imagine a sick Christ? Can you imagine Jesus with a terminal cancer, even though the Bible says that our bodies are the members of Christ? Visualize the fact that we actually become a member of His body. *Our bodies are members of Christ.* Do you see that? I cannot visualize any member in His body being sick. I cannot visualize such a thing as that.

In verses 15 and 16, Paul says that two shall be one flesh. He is talking about why a Christian should not live a sexually impure life. If we join our body, which is joined to Christ, to the body of a harlot, we make Christ joined to a harlot, and they (Christ and the harlot) become one flesh. This demonstrates the great Bible truth that we are actually a part of His physical body. His body was never sick. His body will never be sick. We must reject the theology that we have been taught that's not based on Scripture. We must determine who we are and what belongs to us and how to get it. We must stand on our feet and tell the devil, who put that sickness on our loved one, to go straight to hell. I have been joined to Christ. You have been joined to Christ. We are part of His body. Therefore, we don't have to put up with the devil's nonsense.

In addition, verse 17 says, "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." one body, and now one spirit. I am now part of the very spirit that Jesus carried around in Him. We are now one spirit. One body, one spirit! I am a member of His body, and His spirit and my spirit are now one. One. One. One. The people of God and their Christ are now one. No wonder He redeemed the human body. When He died for our sins, He died for all of them; the sins of our mind, the sins of our body, etc. He also died for our sickness and since sickness resides primarily in the body, He *redeemed* the body with the *away redemption* to provide for our bodily, physical sicknesses. The Holy Ghost is working His work in our body, now, and I am one flesh with Him and one spirit with Him as a result of it now..

Verse 19 demonstrates this even more: "Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost who is in you, whom you have of God?" I am one spirit. I am a member of His body. No wonder the Holy Ghost is in me. It couldn't be any other way could it? Since I am member of His body and one with His Spirit, the same spirit that was in Him has to be in me. Doesn't that make sense? Do you see the relationship the body has to the things of Christ based on the Word of God? Do you see how that the Bible throws a lot of light on so much modern, doubting and scoffing theology that just takes away everything that God promised in His Word? Most modern theology takes away your healing and your prosperity. You must, therefore, examine the

Scriptures that the apostles of doubt put forth to demonstrate to you that healing and prosperity do not belong to you. You will find that their *proof texts* say the exact opposite of what they say that they say.

Can't you see that the body is redeemed? The body is so redeemed that God supernaturally joined it to Christ and made it one of the members of His own body. Don't you see that when we get saved, our spirit actually becomes one with His spirit? No wonder the Holy Ghost is in us. No wonder the Bible says that our bodies become the temple of the living God. No wonder that my body is a temple of the Holy Ghost, which I have from God. Modern theology, which says that our body is not redeemed yet, is false! Here, the word is *away redemption*, but the price has already been paid.

Notice something else in verse 19: "You are not your own." If I am not my own, then I am His. If I belong to Him, then He is responsible for me. He is responsible for me as a member of His own body. The Bible says that I am a member of His body. If He is responsible for me as a member of His body, then He will do for me exactly what you will do for a member of your body when it starts ailing; you will take care of it and get it well.

Any way you view it, your body is vital in the mind of God. Your body has been redeemed. It has been joined to the very body of Christ, and we have been made a member of His body. Our body is so redeemed that the Holy Ghost lives in us. The Spirit of Christ in our spirit becomes our spirit. Therefore I am a temple, the temple of the Holy Ghost. I am not my own. I am a part of His body, and my spirit and his Spirit are now one Spirit.

I have been bought with a price. The price was the blood of Jesus, and that price took care of my body. Our bodies were bought and paid for by Jesus' blood. When the price was paid, the redemption occurred. My body has been "loosed upon receipt of ransom." That's what the Bible says about it. I am not my own. If I am not my own, I am His responsibility. If I am His responsibility, what kind of God is it that is going to leave His child sick. I won't leave one of my children sick. Neither will God!

In addition, the passage says, "You are bought with a price,

therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." I want you to see this well: *Both your body and your spirit are God's.*

We have already seen that a redemption, which involves a ransom, pertains to the body according to Romans 8:23. That redemption happens either at the Rapture, or it has already happened. (We are demonstrating now that it has already happened.) But either way, a redemption of the body is scriptural. When the Bible says that you have been bought with a price, it means all of you, not just some of you. Therefore, we are instructed to *glorify* God in our body.

Next, let's take a deep, hard look at this word *glorify*. What do we mean by *glorify*? What does the Bible mean by *glorify*? The first place I went publicly as a little baby was to Sunday school and church. The first place my kids went publicly was to Sunday school and church. The first place my grandchildren went publicly was to Sunday school and church. But even though we have come up through Sunday school and church, I have found that we take for granted some of the simple little things we have heard from childhood without being able to really define them. If we can't define them, we really don't know what they mean. The word *glorify* is one of them. We have never really known what it means. But here's what it means.

The word *glorify* or *glory* comes from the Greek word, DOXA, the basic meaning of which is *to suppose* or *to seem* and consequently, *to form a favorable opinion*. That's the basic meaning of the word translated *glory* or *glorified*. Based on supposing or seeming, it came to mean *reaching a favorable conclusion about something I had thought about*. It means, in other words, *to form a favorable conclusion after supposing on something*.

What do I mean, then, by *glorify God in my body*? I mean that I am *to suppose* that God redeemed my body, and it is His. Since my body has been redeemed, I am *to suppose* that He is living in my body, which He is. Finally, I am *to reach a favorable conclusion* about all this, and *acknowledge* that the Holy Ghost is doing some things in my body now, which He is.

The question, then, becomes, "What is He doing in my body that

I am to reason, to seem, to suppose, to reach a favorable conclusion about and, finally, to acknowledge?" What is the Holy Ghost doing in my body that I am to honor? Romans 8:11 gives us the answer: "If the Spirit of him that raised Christ from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." In other words, that same spirit is continuously pumping the life and nature of God progressively into your mortal body. Therefore, I must "suppose" on this fact, reach a favorable conclusion, and acknowledge it.

How many people stopped today to ponder and acknowledge that the Holy Ghost is pumping the life of God Himself into the very cell structure of your body? If you did not, you did not glorify God in your body. You may glorify Him in the beauty of a sunset, you may glorify Him in the beauty of a flower, you may glorify Him over the blessing of a child, but how many of you glorified Him in your body today? When you learn to do this, your health is going to turn around. Because the job of the Holy Ghost inside your flesh is to pump the life giving forces of God's life and nature into the very cell structure of your physical flesh. We must recognize what the Word of God says about it, and start giving God glory for it. We must think this thing through, settle it in our mind, and acknowledge that *the Holy Ghost is pumping the life of God in my very flesh right now. That's giving Him glory for what He is doing in your body.*

I know what Paul meant when he said that we are no longer debtors to live after the flesh. I don't have to live after the flesh. In addition, I must know what the Bible says the Holy Ghost is doing in my body now. For when I know it, then I can act on it. Until I know it, I cannot act on it. I am stuck with living as a debtor to the flesh. But when I understand what the Holy Ghost is doing in my body, not only can I act on it for my healing, I will also *reason, suppose* and *seem* on it. When I *reach a favorable conclusion* on it, I will *acknowledge* it. When I *acknowledge* it, then I am giving *honor* to it. I *acknowledge* that the Holy Ghost is pumping God's own life inside me right now. This is what the Bible means when it says, "*Glorify God in your body.*"

Let me go over that word *life* again. *Quicken* is a Greek word

which combines two words, ZOE (life), and POIEO (to make or to do). This word describes *life* as it comes from God. There is a sense in which all life is ZOE, that is, from God. However, there is also a peculiar sense in which ZOE *life* can only be applied to a saved person, since it is primarily used concerning people who have been born again. It is the *life* and *nature* of God Himself. It is a life independent of the fact that you are biologically living. It is totally different. Though your biological life comes from God, ZOE, for a Christian, is distinct. In this context, God is pumping, producing and reproducing His own ZOE life, His own ZOE being, His own ZOE nature inside you. He is working ZOE into your physical body.

The above reveals one of the main reasons some people are sick. They have not glorified God in their body. To glorify God in our body means to *suppose*, to *seem* on the above and finally to *reach a favorable opinion* about it. It means to become aware of what the Holy Ghost is doing in your body, and then it means to *acknowledge it favorably*.

What you must do from this day forward is say what the Word of God says about you. In other words, you must acknowledge that what the Bible says about you is true. The Bible says that God's Spirit is making your physical body alive with the life of God. God cannot be sick. It just can't be. Jesus was never sick. He cannot be sick. I am now a member of His body. I am now one spirit with Him. That's why I am the temple of the Holy Ghost. That's one of the reasons the Holy Ghost is in us, keeping that temple swept, garnished, healthy, and in good shape. Therefore, we can never get sick and stay that way. Now the above is what the Bible says about the body. That is what is going on in me. It's what is going on in you.

We must assemble all these truths in our "bucket of faith." Remember that faith is knowing the will of God in advance. It is information you receive from God for you to act upon. Faith is advance information that will enable you to know what God will do before He does it. This advance information usually contains instructions as to what your part is in what God is about to do. We have to know what the Bible says about what the Holy Ghost is doing inside our flesh right now. He is quickening it. That's why

some people, when they are eighty years old, don't look a day past fifty. They have recognized what is going on inside of them. They see that their physical wellness is up to God, and they rest in that. When they rest in that, the load is lifted from them. They maintain a strength they would not have otherwise.

Carrying everything by yourself will kill you, it will beat you down. But when you recognize what God is doing inside of your body and let Him do it, you are glorifying Him in your body. Most everybody glorifies Him in their spirit. Most everyone knows that you have a spirit man and the spirit of God is in that spirit man. Most everybody knows that God talks to you in your spirit, and we go all out in our Spirit-filled churches to emphasize the Spirit, and rightfully so. But I want you to see that this same Holy Ghost that we go all out to emphasize has a vital interest in your body. He is pumping the very life of God through you right now, quickening your body. The very life of God is bathing every cell in it even now.

Why then, does it do me no good? Here's why: You don't know it so you can cooperate with it; you haven't acted on it because you can't act on information you don't have. When you know it and act on it, you glorify God in your body. *God is vitally interested in your body.*

You see, I am building a framework here where anybody can be healed. I believe what I am saying. I have staked my life on it. I lost my job and my career in the denominational church because I believed what I am telling you. When that happened, do you know what sustained me? I had seen it work. That sustained me. You know, we preach a gospel that works. We don't preach theories and doctrines of men. I have seen too many people on their death bed who listened to what I said about healing in the Abrahamic covenant that have walked out of that death room absolutely well. They learned what the Bible said about their body, and they acted upon it. They began to glorify God in their body, and He healed them in response to their acting on His promises concerning their flesh.

Your body is important. Your body is vitally important. It is so important that when Jesus Christ died, He died not only for your sins, but for your sicknesses as well. It is the job of the Holy

Ghost to produce the very life of God in your body. When you act on these Scriptures by faith, everything that the death of Christ procured for you will be manifested for you and in you.

In another chapter, I will show you that the death of Jesus Christ covered sickness just the same as it did sin. I will show you that both sin and sickness came straight from hell. They do not come from God. Never get so silly in your theology that you think that God is using sickness to get even with you or to teach you. God doesn't have to use that to teach us. That puts God down on the level with the devil. It says that the devil is even bigger than God because God is such a wimp that He must have some of the devil's tools to teach you. But God doesn't need any of the devil's tools with which to teach His children. He can get through to you and teach you without them.

If I want one of my children taught something I don't run them through a diphtheria colony. I don't give them AIDS. I don't give them cancer. That's bizarre. God is not like that. The Holy Ghost is in the cells of your body right now, making them alive with the life of God. When you recognize this fact and acknowledge it, you glorify God and give honor to Him for it. It is at this point that you begin to rest in and rely upon it. It is at this point that your health turns around for the better.

"Father, in the name of Jesus, bless this teaching. Teach us, Lord, what the Bible says about healing. Dear Master, heal the sick and fill them with hope. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

Chapter Four

Why Your Healing Was Included in The Death of Christ and How This Functions To Heal You Now

Christ died for our sicknesses, as well as our sins. I will prove it in this chapter. I will show you from the Scriptures in language you can easily understand that Jesus Christ died for the sicknesses of his people, as well as for their sins.

We stated previously that Jesus' death ratified the Abrahamic covenant which granted unto us, the people of God, healing for our bodies. Because of this ratification, it only makes sense that the Scriptures spell it out over and over and over that God's will for us is our complete healing at all times. Then, we asked, "Do the Scriptures spell this out over and over and over?" Then, we said, "In point of fact, *the Scriptures do spell it out.* "

In this chapter we show that healing for our body is spelled out for us in the death of Christ. We shall find here that *Jesus did indeed die for our sicknesses, as well as our sins.*

Isaiah Said Christ Died For Our Sicknesses

The first scripture I want to show you is in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. I want you to look closely at verse 4. Actually, we ought to read the whole chapter. For the sake of brevity, I will not print the whole chapter here. Read it all, though, as soon as you can.

Isa 53:4

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (KJV)

Keep in mind, the book of Isaiah was written between five and six hundred years before Christ was born. Yet Isaiah 53 contains the prophecy about His death and some of the accomplishments of it: We find that He was to be buried in a borrowed tomb, the tomb of a rich man; we find prophesied nearly 600 years before Jesus was even born that He would die between two thieves. If

you have never read this whole chapter, read everything in it slowly and deliberately. It will bless you.

Now look at verse 4. Notice carefully the words *griefs* and *sorrows*, which translate two Hebrew words, uniformly rendered throughout the Old Testament by the words *sickness* and *pain*. *Sickness and pain*. Jesus has *borne our sicknesses and carried our pains*.

Various Bible Translations Say Christ Died For Our Sicknesses

The Bible: An American Translation (J. M. Powis Smith and Edgar J. Goodspeed) says, "Yet it was our pains that he bore...our sorrows that he carried...."

The Holy Scriptures According To The Masoretic Text: A New Translation (The Jewish Publication Society) says, "Surely our diseases he did bear...and our pains he carried...."

The Emphasized Bible: A New Translation (J. B. Rotherham) translates it, "Yet surely our sicknesses he carried...and as for our pains he bare the burden of them...."

The New American Bible declares, "Yet it was our infirmities that he bore...our sufferings that he endured...."

The New English Bible translates it, "Yet on himself he bore our sufferings.. our torments he endured...."

In addition to the above, Young, the great Hebrew scholar, translates it, "Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, and our pains, he hath carried them."

Another Hebrew scholar, Leeser, translates it, "But only our diseases did he bear himself, and our pains he carried."

This is what Isaiah said between five and six hundred years before Jesus Christ was born. He said that Jesus surely has borne our *sicknesses* and carried our *pains*. Now, I want you to see Matthew 8: 16-17.

Matthew Said Christ Died For Our Sicknesses

Matt 8:16-17

16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. (KJV)

Now, we must get Matthew's version of the Isaiah prophecy. Keep in mind, there were five to six hundred years between the writing of these two books. Jesus was alive when Matthew wrote. He was not born for nearly six more centuries in the book of Isaiah. Yet Isaiah prophesied about Him. In verses 16 and 17 Matthew said, "When the evening was come, they brought unto Jesus many that were possessed with demons and he cast out the spirits with his Word and healed all that were sick. That it might be fulfilled that was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying He, Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." That's Matthew's commentary on Isaiah 53:4.

In the same chapter, Isaiah 53, we find the same words (He *bore*, He *took*, He *carried*) used to describe what Jesus did with sin.

Isa 53:11-12

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (KJV)

Now, we know that Jesus Christ *took* our sins upon Himself. He *carried* those sins and He did away with them in His death on the cross, but most of us have never realized the rest of what the Bible says about the relationship of the death of Christ to the

sicknesses of God's people; He did the same identical thing with our *sicknesses* that He did with our sins. Isaiah said it plainly. He said He *bore* and He *carried* our *sicknesses* and our *pains*. That is what the Hebrew text says in Isaiah 53:4.

Then Matthew loosely, but accurately, translates it right. He says the reason Jesus healed all that came to Him is because of what Isaiah said about His *bearing* and *carrying* our *sicknesses* and our *pains*, our weaknesses and our infirmities. He said Jesus healed everybody, so that what Isaiah said pertaining to the *carrying* of our *sicknesses*, might be fulfilled. Isaiah prophesied it. Then, Matthew said that Jesus did it, so that what Isaiah prophesied might be fulfilled.

Godly Commentators Say Christ Died For Our Sicknesses

Maclaren said (concerning Isaiah 53:4), "The prophet constructs no theory of Atonement. But no language could be chosen that would more plainly set forth the fact of Atonement. And it is to be observed that, so far as this prophecy is concerned, the Servant's sole form of service is to suffer. He is not a teacher, an example, or a benefactor, in any of the other ways in which men need help. His work is to bear our griefs and be bruised for our healing."

He further states, ". . . it is to be kept in view that the 'griefs' which the servant is here described as bearing are literally 'sicknesses' and that, similarly, the 'sorrows' may be diseases."

Finally, he stated, "Of the two words expressing the Servant's taking their burden on his shoulders, the former implies not only the taking of it but the bearing of it away, and the latter emphasizes the weight of the load."

Delitzsch said, "The Hebrew verbs of the text (*nasa* and *sabal*), when used of sin, signify to assume as a heavy burden and bear away the guilt of sin, as one's own; that is to bear sin mediatorially in order to atone for it (as in Is. 53:11-12). But here (Is. 53:4), where not our sins, but our sicknesses and pains are the object, the meditorial sense remains the same."

He continues, "It is not meant that the Servant of Jehovah merely entered into the fellowship of our sufferings, but that He

took upon Himself the sufferings that we had to bear, and deserved to bear; and, therefore, He not only bore them away, but also in His own person endured them in order to discharge us from them.

Now when one takes sufferings upon Himself which another had to bear, and does this, not merely in fellowship with him, but in his stead, we call it substitution."

Having stated the Bible's case that Jesus *bore* and *carried* our *sicknesses* as well as our *sins*, let me now build your faith to a fever pitch by refuting the Scoffers.

The Scoffers #1 Denial Refuted

Many people say that Isaiah's prophecy was indeed fulfilled in Matthew's day, and since it was fulfilled, we cannot look to this scripture anymore as a basis for our healing. They say that Jesus fulfilled that prophesy from Isaiah then and there by healing those who were sick. Since it was fulfilled then and there, it was fulfilled once and for all. Therefore we cannot look to that scripture for our own healing anymore. Matthew plainly said that Jesus fulfilled the prophesy, and since it was fulfilled, there is no more to it. It has run its course and expired because Jesus fulfilled it.

My response to this nonsense is this: Jesus did not fulfill that prophesy then and there; that is not what Matthew said about the prophesy from Isaiah. Notice what he said. He said that He healed all *that it might be fulfilled*. He does not say that Jesus healed all *to fulfill on the spot or to fulfill it completely, then and there*, but He healed all that came to Him, *so that He might fulfill it at a future time*. Do you see this? He said that it *might be fulfilled*.

Now let me show you some things about the difference in the various nuances of Greek syntax. This will build your faith and help you. The indicative mood in Greek functions the same way it does in English. It is the mood of reality. When the Greek text uses the indicative mood, it describes what actually happens. It describes what is real and actual. The indicative mood is not used here in Matthew 8:17. Had he done so, our verse would

read something like this; "He healed them all *and completely fulfilled what Isaiah said.*" Instead, Matthew used the subjunctive mood. This makes our verse read like the translators have it: "He healed them all *so that what Isaiah said might be fulfilled at some future time.*"

The subjunctive mood is the mood that the Greek would use to say what might happen, or what can happen, or what has a probability of happening. This is exactly what Matthew means in this passage when he used the subjunctive mood. He did not say that it was fulfilled on the spot. He placed his commentary on Isaiah 53:4 in the subjunctive mood to indicate that, although Jesus was healing them all, the prophecy was not totally fulfilled then and there. But He healed them all, *that it might be fulfilled at a future point in time.*

Do you see what I am driving at? It was not fulfilled then and there. But He healed them all, so that what Isaiah said could be fulfilled at a future point in time. The difference between the indicative and the subjunctive is very important here.

Furthermore this subjunctive mood expression, "that it might be fulfilled", is a typical Greek purpose clause which combines the conjunction HOPOS with the subjunctive mood. This combination, used here in Matthew 8: 17, is one of the ways that the Greek would set forth a purpose clause. In other words, the purpose of Jesus healing all these people was so that the prophecy of Isaiah could be fulfilled at a future point in time. When was this future time of fulfillment of which Isaiah spoke?

When was this future time? To answer this question, we must go back to the book of Isaiah, and we must follow what the Bible says. We can't base our faith on what someone teaches that does not follow what the Bible says, but we can base our faith on teaching when we can plainly see that it is, in fact, what the Bible said. We must see it with our own eyes and our own understanding.

When was this future time? This future time is not determined willy nilly. It's not pulled out of the air. It's not left up to Brother So and So to say when this future time is. Keep in mind, Matthew is quoting a prophecy uttered by another man. That other man was

Isaiah.

Isaiah himself said when the fulfillment would take place. He said it would take place at the death of Jesus Christ. All of Isaiah chapter 53 pertains to the death of Jesus. It talks about God laying on Him the iniquities of us all. We understand that. We have been taught that from the time we were children. It talks about Jesus bearing the iniquities of many. We understand that. We have been taught that from childhood. It talks about Jesus Christ bearing our sins. We understand that because we have been taught that, also, from childhood. We know that Jesus became our substitute and God literally laid our sins upon Him, and He died in our place. We know all of that because it is taught in Isaiah chapter 53. Everything in that chapter pertains to the time of Jesus' death.

This context has to do with the death of Jesus. Furthermore, this context talks plainly about Jesus *taking* and *bearing* our *sicknesses* in his death. Therefore, the time when this prophecy is to be fulfilled is when Jesus dies and not before. So then, we cannot say, and neither can anybody else and be honest about it, that this prophecy was fulfilled, ran its course, and disappeared when Jesus healed those people in Matthew chapter 8.

The Scoffers #2 Denial Refuted

Well, the scoffer would like to beat us at our own game. He says, "OK, I'll buy what you say. It was not fulfilled in Matthew 8, it was fulfilled in His death. Therefore, nobody can be healed since His death because it was literally fulfilled then and there. Since it was fulfilled then and there, there is no more promise of healing in this scripture since that time. It is now over."

Everybody reading this page will say, "But that's ridiculous." And you are right. That is ridiculous. But that's the logic a lot of people use to tear down your faith and convince you that you cannot expect to be healed, based on Isaiah 53. "It was fulfilled," they say, "at His death. Since it was fulfilled in His death, there is just no more basis for healing left in the prophecy."

Here is my answer to this foolishness. If there is no more healing left in it, since it was literally fulfilled in His death, then there is no

more salvation left in it either, because He not only *bore* and *carried* our *sicknesses*, He also *bore and carried* our *sins*. Using the scoffer's logic, since one is fulfilled, both are fulfilled.

Nobody here has a problem believing that the death of Christ for sin is still valid. But, the modernist, the liberal and the scoffer will destroy your faith by saying to you that the healing in this passage is no longer valid because it was fulfilled in Christ's death. They do not stop to think that if the healing part is fulfilled and is no more, the sin bearing part is also fulfilled and is no more. Therefore, nobody has been saved since the day Jesus died. Does that make sense? That doesn't make a bit of sense.

Gentile Christians Included in Isaiah 53:4

Now let me answer another question. Notice the word *our* in this passage. In verse 16, *our* represents a group that came to Jesus, and He healed every last one of them, so that what Isaiah said might be fulfilled. Then Matthew placed himself in that group. My question is this: Who is in that group designated by *our*. Who is in that *our* group? You are. All Christians are in the *our* group. Here's why.

In the Abrahamic covenant God made a covenant with Abraham that included Abraham's physical descendants, but in Genesis chapter 22 verse 18, He included more than his physical descendants in the Abrahamic covenant.

Gen 22:18

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (KJV)

He made the statement that through Abraham's seed, who is Jesus Christ, all the nations of the earth would be blessed, and not just the Jewish nation. The word *blessed* is the same identical word that He applied to Abraham himself and to his physical descendants. *Bless* means "the beneficial endowment of the power of God to produce well being in every area of a person's life." In other words, *bless* means that God gave Abraham and his physical descendants, salvation, healing, prosperity and well being for their family members. Then, in Genesis 22:18, these four things are passed on to us Gentiles

since we are the "all nations."

Consequently, healing, prosperity, well being for our families and salvation are guaranteed to us Gentile Christians in the Abrahamic covenant. When Jesus died, He did two things that related to two of the Old Testament covenants, the Abrahamic covenant and the Mosaic Law covenant. When He died He ratified with His own blood everything in that Abrahamic covenant. At the same time He abolished the Mosaic Law. Now do you know that there is nothing in this world that means you have to be sick? There is not one reason why you have to get sick and stay that way. Why?

The Law of Moses kept Gentiles out of The Abrahamic covenant, but Jesus abolished that Law. Therefore, that which kept us Gentiles out of Abraham's Blessing System has been done away with. Now, we are in this covenant by grafting. Consequently, healing is guaranteed to us by the Abrahamic covenant. There is no reason anymore to get sick and stay that way.

Gal 3:13

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: (KJV)

There's that word, *blessing*, again. It still means, "the beneficial endowment of the power of God to produce well being in every area of a person's life." Those *blessings* in every area include salvation for the soul, healing for the body, prosperity for the pocket book, and well being for your family members. Christ redeemed those Jews from the curse of the Law by abolishing it, so that the *blessing* of Abraham might also come on us Gentiles. It can come on us Gentiles because, when Jesus abolished the Law, that which kept us Gentiles out of the Abrahamic covenant was done away.

See our books for a complete faith building explanation of these subjects: *What Are Abraham's Blessings, Anyway?*, *What've They Done With Abraham's Blessings?*, and *The Unbroken Force of Abraham's Blessings*.

Unfortunately, some of the devil's greatest helpers are well

meaning people. They will tell you, "Well, God is going to get some glory through your sickness." No, He is not. They don't understand the meaning of the word glory. I have already explained that to you from the Greek text. Do you remember what it means? The word "glory" or "glorify" comes from the Greek word which means "to seem" or "to suppose", and, then, "to reach a favorable opinion." *God does not reach a favorable opinion and conclusion about Himself based upon your sickness.*

Nowhere can you find God responsible for sickness in the body of a Christian. God does not use sickness to glorify (reach a favorable opinion about) Himself. You just can't find that. The Bible said Jesus bore them so that I don't have to bear them.

The first thing that I do when I pray for a sick person is remind God of His own statements. I quote Isaiah 53:4 and Matthew 8:17 to Him. Then I remind Him that this person is His child, and since Jesus bore this sickness, they don't have to bear it. Therefore, why are they bearing it? Then I have a basis for my prayer. I have a basis right then and there (the Word of God) from which to launch my faith. If you let somebody mess with your mind and convince you that Jesus did not die for your sicknesses, or that it's no longer valid, and you have respect for this person's *so called* ability, you will believe him. Then, guess what will happen to you? You won't be healed, because seven of God's eight Healing Delivery Vehicles are based on faith.

One of the greatest heart breaks I ever had was when I attended a major healing campaign held by one of our greatest men of God. This is certainly not meant to put him down in any way. He is a mighty man of God. He operates in the anointing. That's where the power of the spirit of God sovereignly picks certain people and heals them. It requires no faith on their part. It requires nothing. God just heals when the anointing is moving. This great man of God operates in that anointing. However, only a small percentage of those people in these massive crowds gets healed.

I sat by the wheelchair section, and I saw people brought in there on stretchers. Many had tubes in their bodies and bottles hanging all over them to keep them alive. Some of those people came in there for a touch from God, but they did not get it. They

left like they came - sick and on their death bed. Those people, by this time, have probably died.

The thing that bothered me is this: There are eight ways that God administers the healing that Jesus wrought in His death, and the sovereign move of the Holy Ghost in the anointing for healing is only one of the eight. There are seven more, but the other seven operate by faith on your part. You cannot exercise faith for healing, or anything else, as long as somebody has convinced you that it is no longer for you. If they can play mind games and mental gymnastics with you by messing your brain up concerning what the Bible says about healing in the death of Christ, you will not be healed.

Christ's Death For Sickness Will Last As Long As His Death For Sin. How Long Is That?

There is a note in the Scofield Bible that says it is all over, that Matthew 8:17 was fulfilled back then and is no longer valid. I mean this with all due respect. I use the Scofield Bible, and his notes in some areas are tremendous. But in some areas, they are worthless. This particular Scofield note is not logical for two reasons.

First, if Jesus' death for sickness terminated in Matthew 8, the Scofield editors determined the time of fulfillment for Isaiah's prophecy, and not Isaiah himself. He plainly geared his 53rd chapter to the death of Christ and not to the events nor the time of Matthew 8.

Second, if the prophecy terminated on the cross, and nobody since then can look to that passage as a basis for their faith for healing, then common sense demands that we can no longer look to His death on the cross for our own salvation. Why? Because that also would have had to be fulfilled on the cross, according to their logic, since the same words, *bear*, *take* and *carry*, that Isaiah applied to our *sicknesses*, he also applied to our *sins*.

Consequently, if the *sickness* part was fulfilled on the cross and is no more, then neither does Christ's death substitute for *sin* anymore. Therefore, using Scofield's logic, nobody has been saved since. Do you believe that? Of course you don't. Neither

should you should believe the stuff they peddle about healing being gone because it was fulfilled, either in Matthew 8 or on the cross, and therefore nobody else can claim it.

I never mean to be ugly, never. Please, I never mean that. But, sometimes I have to bear down hard to open your mind and cause you to see the real problem that destroys people's faith. Many people have to have faith in other people's faith for their healing because some of the teaching we have had declares that Christ's death for sickness is no longer valid. Again, I do not mean this to be ugly. But I have to show you these views, and I have to meet them head on to build your faith and bless you. *Christ died for our sicknesses. It is still valid. It is running full bore, and it will last as long as His death for sin lasts. Now how long is that? Forever.*

You don't need to be sick. Christ bore that. Since He bore it, you don't have to. That's why you don't have to bear your sins either. I am not going to bear my sins. I have dumped them all on Jesus. He is bearing them. That is why I am saved. Furthermore, every time I get a puny feeling, I will dump it on Jesus. You can do the same thing. Jesus died for our sins and our sicknesses.

"Father, build the faith of your people for healing. In Jesus name. Amen."

Chapter Five

Four Dynamite Acts of Faith You Can Do To Obtain Healing For Yourself and Your Loved Ones Now

Since Jesus' death ratified the Abrahamic covenant which contains our healing, does healing occur automatically for us Christians, the present day membership of the Abrahamic Seed Group? Does it just happen because it is contained in our covenant, or do we have to do some things to *activate* the healing contained in this covenant?

Healing is not automatic unless it is performed by the anointing. But, this is just one of God's eight Healing Delivery Vehicles. The other seven all require *you to do something to activate the healing guaranteed to us in the Abrahamic covenant*. First, we shall look at Mark 16: 17-18.

Mark 16:17-20

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.
(KJV)

Notice the expression, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." That is simple enough. However, I want to give the background of this passage and make some comments about it. These are the last words that Jesus said while He was on this planet just prior to going back into heaven. Right after He said this, Jesus' physical body began to defy the law of gravity. As those people standing there on the Mount of Olives watched,

His physical body suddenly, with no visible means of support, lifted off this planet. His body slowly rose and disappeared in a cloud.

That's the setting, and these are the words that Jesus said before that memorable event. This is the great commission as recorded by Mark. He said that we are to preach the gospel, and as we preach it, there are some signs that are to follow those preaching it. Furthermore, these signs are supposed to follow every believer, for the Bible says in verse 17 that these signs shall follow them who *believe*. Do you believe? Are you a believer? Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior? Have you been born again? Are you a Christian? Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? If that's the case, *this scripture is addressed to you*. It says there will be some signs follow "them that believe."

The First Thing You Can Do To Obtain Healing For Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Our interest, here, is the sign that pertains to physical healing, the sign of laying hands on the sick and their subsequent recovery. Notice what Jesus said: "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Do you see the word *perhaps* anywhere in that passage? Do you see the expression *maybe*? Do you see the expression, *it seems like they ought to recover*? These expressions aren't there. Jesus simply said, "They shall recover."

When Jesus used the expression *shall recover*, He used the Greek indicative mood, which describes reality, the actual, the real. The indicative is the mood of *what is*. "It describes what is actual. If *shall recover* had any potentiality or contingencies attached to it, Jesus would have used the Greek subjunctive mood, but He did not. This means there are no *ifs*, *buts*, *ands* or *maybes* involved with *shall recover*. By using the indicative mood, Jesus meant that *they shall really recover*. He meant this is exactly what will happen. There are no contingencies. There are no conditions. There is no *perhaps*. There are no *seems like*. There are no probabilities. There is no *I thought maybe, brother*. They shall! They shall! "They shall lay hands on the sick, and

they shall recover."

So, the first thing you do when you have a sick loved one is act on this portion of the Word of God *by laying hands on them*. The Bible says that when you do this, a sign will follow you; namely, *they shall recover*.

Somebody says, "I have never done that. I don't believe that I could do that." Well, you don't know that until you try. I want to say this to you. You aren't responsible for healing people, but you are responsible for laying hands on people. The healing is God's part. The laying on of the hands is your part. God will not heal through this process until the point of contact has been made with your hands, for when your hands are laid on, something supernatural and spiritual happens. Power passes from God through you into that person and changes take place whether they feel it at that point or not. Changes take place whether or not they are even aware of it at that point. But things begin to happen because the Word of God goes into gear immediately. The sign of healing follows automatically. It may be in an instant. It may be in an hour. It may be over night. It may be in a week. That is not your responsibility. Your responsibility is laying your hands on the sick. And when you do your part, God goes into gear immediately and does His part. "They shall recover." Now, look at the next verses below.

Acts 3:12-13

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. (KJV)

Again, somebody says, "I just don't believe that I could do that." When I ask people why they don't believe they could do that, they always give two basic reasons.

***Overcoming The Devil's Two Main Reasons Why You
Cannot Obtain Healing For Yourself and Your Loved Ones
By laying Hands on Them***

We are going to overcome your two main doubts that you can't lay hands on the sick and watch them recover. You will see that the devil's very reasons why you cannot do this have already been listed in Acts chapter 3. If you will think about it, there are only two reasons the devil has ever given you why you can't do this. But what I want you to see today is this: *You can do what the Bible says you can do.*

One of the hardest things that Christians have to learn is that we can actually do what the Word of God says we can do. When called upon to actually do what the Bible says we can do, we shrink back with fear and trembling. There are two main reasons for this.

***Reason #1 The Devil Uses To Keep You From Getting Your
Loved Ones Healed***

We say, "Now that applies to Jesus, to the apostles, and to some of these big-name preachers we see on TV. They have the power to lay hands on the sick and see them recover. But I don't have that kind of power." We have all felt that, haven't we? That's one reason. But there is also another reason.

***Reason #2 The Devil Uses To Keep You From Getting Your
Loved Ones Healed***

We say, "That applies to Jesus, it applies to the apostles, it applies to the great men of God down through the centuries, it applies to the great names in the television ministry, but I am just not holy enough. God would not do that for me, because I am not worthy enough, I am not holy enough." We have all been there, haven't we? These same two reasons are given in Acts 3. Let's find out what Peter had to say about them. First, however, we need to know some background about Acts 3.

Here's the background. Peter and John came to the Beautiful gate of the temple. A man lay there begging. As Peter and John walked by, Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." Then he said to the man, "In the name of

Jesus, rise up and walk." He reached down, grabbed the man by the right hand, helped him up and the man walked at that point. Having seen this, the crowd went wild. They knew the man. They knew this was not a phony healing. They knew that whatever happened to him was real, and they were staggered, amazed and overjoyed by it. Peter saw their amazement.

Acts 3:12

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? (KJV)

In other words, Peter said that neither his power nor his holiness had anything to do with this. You see, there is not a dime's worth of difference in Peter's power and the power of anybody reading this page. Also, there is not a dime's worth of difference between Peter's holiness and the holiness of every person reading this page. Peter was just like you are by the grace of God. Just because God has matured one person more than another does not change the fact one bit that his power and his holiness, or your power and your holiness, have anything to do with this healing business.

Somebody will challenge me right here. They will say, "Well, I still don't have enough power or holiness." Dear friend, what you lack is not power or holiness, but obedience. When Jesus said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover", He is describing an act to be performed by you with no conditions. For had there been any conditions, Jesus would have listed them. He does not say that those who have a certain level of power and a certain level of holiness will lay hands on the sick, but the rest of you have to go home and forget it. He said *those that believe*. These are the only qualifications, believing on the one hand, and guts enough to do it on the other. These are the only conditions.

The first time I laid hands on the sick, I had an alter call, and three people came for healing. One of them was instantly healed. She had had asthma for years. She wheezed so badly you could hear her all over that little auditorium. I laid hands on

her, and the wheezing stopped. This was many years ago and she still has no asthma. I was grappling with fear and trembling because I was new at it. The devil had injected the same conditions into my brain that he sticks into yours (not enough power and holiness). I said, "Lord, I don't have power to do this. I am sure not holy enough to do this." But do you know what I did? I did it anyway. I began to say, "If you say I can do that, Lord, I can do it. Therefore, I am going to do it and not only am I going to do it, I am doing it." Wham! Brother, my hands went on them.

Where does it say that only those who have enough power and only those that are holy enough shall lay hands on the sick? I want to tell you something. If it was up to power, nobody, including the heavy-weight champion of the world, would be strong enough to do it. If it was up to holiness, nobody would be able to do it. So let's get this nonsense out of our minds. The devil always has a rationalization of why you can't do what the Bible says you can do.

The devil will *always* put thoughts into your brain, giving you reasons why you can't do what God says you can do, and when you buy it, the people are not healed that you are responsible for getting healed. That is your fault because you listened to thoughts that were put into your head by the devil.

Let's get rid of these negatives. The Bible says, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Who? Just plain, ordinary believers who are not worried about a certain level of power nor worried about a certain level of holiness. They just do what Jesus told them to do, which is laying hands on the sick.

The Second Thing you Can Do To Obtain Healing For Yourself and your Loved Ones

There is something else here. What actually did the work? What actually got the man healed in Acts 3? It was the name of Jesus. It was not our power. We don't have any. It was not our holiness. We have even less of that. Isaiah says that all our righteousness is as filthy rags in the mind of God. The book of Romans, chapter 3 (quoting the Old Testament) says that none is good, no, not one.

Rom 3:10-18

10 As it is written, There is none righteous,
no, not one:
11 There is none that understandeth, there is
none that seeketh after God.
12 They are all gone out of the way, they are
together become unprofitable; there is none that
doeth good, no, not one.
13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with
their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of
asps is under their lips:
14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and
bitterness:
15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:
16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:
17 And the way of peace have they not
known:
18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.
(KJV)

Get it out of your mind that you must have a certain level of holiness. You don't. Neither must you have a certain amount of power. You don't. What you must have is obedience, backed up with some raw courage. Reach out! Lay hands on the sick! Use the name of Jesus over that person! Say, "In Jesus Name, heal!" Watch what happens. It was the name that did it in Acts 3. It was the laying on of hands in Mark 16. You must see this. The next time you have a sick loved one, you will know exactly what to do. Let me list them again before we continue:

- (1) You lay hands on them.
- (2) You use the name of Jesus over them.

Remember! Don't let the devil sell you a bill of goods by throwing into the mix a bunch of stipulations and conditions that are not in Scripture. Get it out of your mind that you are not powerful enough, or that you are not holy enough. You have the name of Jesus. Use it, and you have all the power in the universe. You have as much power as Peter had. All he had was the Holy Ghost and the name of Jesus. You have the same Holy Ghost and the name of Jesus right now. He had no more weapons than you have, but he had courage enough to use them.

***The Third Thing You Can Do To Obtain Healing For Yourself
and Your Loved Ones***

Once you have laid hands on them and used Jesus' name, you must bring them into a place of agreement, not only with yourself, but with God. Matthew teaches this to us.

Matt 18:18-20

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (KJV)

Verse 18 Shows The Necessity of Agreeing With God in Binding and Loosing What God Has Already Bound or Loosed in Heaven

There is something in the above passage (in the Greek text) that just does not translate. It is not the fault of the translators, it just doesn't translate. This verse actually says that things have *already* been bound in heaven and that you have the authority to bind on this earth everything that God has already bound in heaven. The translation, however, makes it look just the opposite. It makes it appear as though we bind something here, and then God follows our lead and binds it also in heaven. This is the exact opposite of what the Greek text says. God has already bound some things in heaven. Now, He is waiting for you to agree with Him and bind, here on earth, the same things He has already bound up there. When you bind them here, His binding becomes actual and real for you here. In other words, when I bind or loose here on earth what God has already bound or loosed in heaven, then I make real in my circumstances, those things which God has already bound or loosed in heaven.

So then, I have the authority to bind or loose whatever God has already bound or loosed in heaven. God gave the right and the power to Christians to bind and loose sickness. Therefore, it is most definitely the will of God to heal every single Christian, without exception. Scripture after Scripture after Scripture demonstrates this. The authority to heal the sick began with

Jesus. He transmitted it to the twelve. He then transmitted it to the seventy. Then He transmitted it to every believer in Mark 16. And in James chapter 5, He transmitted the same power to the church by authorizing the elders to anoint with oil. See my book *How To Obtain Abraham's Blessings* for complete instructions on getting the healing and prosperity God promised you in the Abrahamic covenant.

God already established (bound and loosed) this healing business in advance in heaven. That is actually what Matthew 18: 18 means. So if I bind what God has already bound (sickness), I make it happen in my circumstances. He's bound that sickness, and He has transmitted to us the power to bind it. So when I agree with God, things happen. In other words, when I bind a sickness here, since God has it bound already in heaven, He stops that sickness upon my agreement with Him. Remember, my agreement with Him is demonstrated by my binding. Now look at verse 19.

***Verse 19 Shows The Necessity of Agreeing With Others
Concerning What God Has Already Bound and Loosed in
Heaven***

Not only must there be an agreement between our binding and what God has already bound, but in verse 19, the power to get things done becomes even stronger, if more than one of us binds and looses (in agreement with each other) what God has already bound in heaven. Look at what he said: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them by my Father in heaven, for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." So then, there must be an agreement between ourselves concerning what we bind, loose, and ask. We must be sure that our asking, binding and loosing is what God has already set up and bound and loosed in advance in heaven. Once you know this, get a prayer warrior to agree with you concerning the sickness and healing in question.

***The Fourth Thing You Can Do To Obtain Healing For
Yourself and Your Loved Ones***

We need to get our sick loved one to agree with us concerning what we are binding and loosing. There needs to be an agreement between the two of us. Again, both of us must, not only agree together, but we need to be in agreement with what the Word says God has already bound or loosed in heaven.

Look at the expression *shall agree*. This translates one Greek word which combines two Greek words; PHONE, which means *voice*, combined with the Greek proposition SOON, which means *together with*. The combination, then, means *voice together*. Our English word *symphony*, comes from this Greek word. A symphony is a myriad of instruments that play in harmony. Therefore, when Jesus said *agree together*, He is saying *make a voice symphony*. He is saying *voice together in harmony the same thing*. What same thing? We are to voice together with our sick loved one that God's will is that they be healed because hands were laid on them. In so doing, we are binding or loosing, here on earth, together, what God has already bound or loosed in heaven.

How do I know what God has bound or loosed? God has already bound and loosed what the Word says. So when two of you agree together concerning what God said in his Word, attack that sickness and bind or loose it. It will be done according to Scripture. There must be a three-way agreement between you, your loved one, and the Word of God. Two of you must say the same thing God says in His Word concerning your loved ones illness. When all three line up with no contradiction, that sickness has got to give. It cannot stand when the name of Jesus is thrown right at it by two people in full agreement, based on the Word of God. So then the *forth thing* is to agree together between yourselves after both of you have agreed with God. Then, go for it and get rid of the sickness.

Healing Vehicles #2 through #8 Usually Involve a Process

Here is another place where the devil will bomb you. You know our society. This is a quick-fix society. We watch thirty minute television programs, or an hour television program. There is always a quick, fast solution. They always work out the solution in no more than thirty minutes or an hour, less commercials.

Consequently, we are geared to a quick fix. We are accustomed to things being resolved and settled in one hour, less commercials. We are geared to that. Sometimes, we will lay hands on the sick, and if they are not healed in "thirty minutes or sixty minutes less commercials," our faith gets shaky.

When Jesus said in Mark 16 that they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, the word "recover" is not necessarily instantaneous, although it can be. Usually, it is a process. The anointing for healing, however, is usually instantaneous. Healing by the other seven Healing Delivery Vehicles, usually involves a process.

There is so much misunderstanding today concerning Bible healing. So many folk have equated it with a "quick fix." That's a deadly mistake, because Bible healing is not necessarily a quick fix. Acting on what God's Word says, may produce an instantaneous healing, but more often than not, it involves a process. Or, if somebody says so and so recovered, that might mean it took thirty minutes or thirty days. The point is, the Bible says they shall recover. The time frame is left up to the sovereignty of God, because He is the Great Physician. He knows how strong a dose of medicine to pump into a person then and there to make a healing happen.

When the instant, quick-fix does not occur, many people lose their faith right there. This is a deadly mistake, because most things in Scripture come to pass as a result of faith, and not as a result of the miraculous anointing. Many have equated all healing with the instantaneous miracle. Consequently, they have lumped all their hopes for healing into the anointing. They think that if it is not instantaneous, there must be something wrong, and they will not be healed. *This* is the reason many Christians die, who should not. This unscriptural, quick-fix theology concerning Bible healing, based on a misunderstanding that the anointing is the only way, is a very deadly thing.

Oral Roberts and T. L Osborn both say that you cannot always depend on the anointing, because the anointing is sovereign. The anointing picks some to heal, but leaves a vast number of

others not healed. Because of this ridiculous, quick-fix view about the anointing, and the desire for the television solution of sixty minutes, less commercials, there are Christians who die who shouldn't. They do not understand that the anointing is only one of eight ways that God will heal His children. If the anointing does not sovereignly touch a person, there are seven other ways those people can touch God by faith for their healing. We have done a grave injustice and disservice to the Christian community by continuously overemphasizing the anointing, because in so doing, we have left a solid impression that the anointing is all there is. But the anointing is not all there is. This view is deadly. I am not knocking the anointing, please! I am only pointing out a flaw in our approach. I am addressing our lack of balance.

Because of a quick-fix theology (which is absolutely false) that has developed about the anointing, people die, because nobody takes the time to say, "Hey, wait a minute! You don't have to depend solely on the anointing, like it's a magic wand that somebody waves. There are seven more ways you can be healed!" This takes time, and it isn't a quick fix. It takes time and work, but it doesn't matter how much time and work it takes. *The important thing is those people can still be healed!*

Do not exclude God's other seven Healing Delivery Vehicles. Teach the whole counsel of God. See to it that God's people are getting the healing God promised to them. This is work, but this is God's way. I appeal to the pastors and leaders in this movement. Give equal time to God's other seven Healing Delivery Vehicles, since more people will probably be healed utilizing them than will be healed if we continue pushing the anointing almost exclusively.

What Do I Do While I Am Waiting To Be Healed?

We have said that most healings involve a process. Then, what do we do while the process is taking place, while we are waiting to be healed? Verse 35 of Hebrews 10 answers this question.

Heb 10:35-36

**35 Cast not away therefore your confidence,
 which hath great recompence of reward.**

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after

ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (KJV)

There is a will of God that I am to do for healing. After I do it and my healing is not a quick fix, that doesn't mean it isn't going to happen. The Word of God is not about to be broken, regardless of somebody's goof-ball theology. The will of God is this: They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Therefore, when our hands have been laid on the sick, they shall recover. If they don't get the quick-fix, it doesn't amount to a hill of beans. They are still going to recover.

When you have done what God says, then hang in there. You keep saying what God says. You get right in the face of that sickness and laugh. You say, "Ha Ha, tee hee! You may look like you are still there, sickness, but you are dead. The Word of God says that I am recovering because I laid on my hands and I used the name of Jesus. Sickness, you are through, and your time is limited." This is healing by faith. Most of you will be healed by faith, and not by the quick fix.

We have Christian people dying like flies because they don't understand how this stuff operates. Well-meaning folk have blown one of God's eight ways of healing completely out of proportion. The miraculous anointing is only one of eight ways God heals. These other seven all operate by faith. I will say this to you. Faith is the most important thing that we must learn in all the Scripture. When you understand faith and how to operate it, nothing is held back from you.

The great men of God all declare that you can't depend on the anointing because it is sovereign. It will touch some and miss others. In addition, they all say you can all be healed by faith. T. L. Osborn wrote a book, and he said, "Faith never fails." The anointing may pass you by, but faith never fails. God made me a teacher of faith. I will teach it, and I will preach it because I have learned what it is and how it works. I have learned it theologically. I am learning it more each day in my experience. I know more in my mind than I know with my experience. But, as I live my life, my experience is gradually catching up to what I know in my mind.

If you have the raw courage to take the Word of God and act on it by laying hands on the sick and using the name of Jesus over them, God will perform His Word. People will be healed under your ministry. It has not one thing to do with the amount of power you have or the level of holiness you feel like you have achieved. It has to do with two things; obedience and the raw courage to do what the Word of God says you must do, which is lay hands on the sick.

Some people always equate God with *feeling*. Many times when I begin to move out in faith, I don't *feel* a thing. When I begin to preach, I don't always *feel* the anointing or any thing else. But do you know what I have learned? I don't have to *feel* the anointing. I start by faith, and the first thing I know, I'm *feeling* something. I have read after great men of God. Everyone of them say the same thing. They say that when they start to minister, many times they may not *feel* one thing. Usually when they start out, they don't *feel* anything. But they start out anyway. Many times I don't *feel* anything either. But I start.

I asked a guy one time to help me pray for some people during an altar call. He said, "Well I have got to pray about praying for them at the altar." You have to what? What's the deal with that immature kid? Here's the deal with him. He is immature. He doesn't know the Scripture. He is going by his *feelings*. You don't pray about praying. To start with, the Bible said "Pray without ceasing." But he wants to *feel* something before he gets down on his knees to help somebody else. There are many, many flaws in his immature view. The Bible says, "Be instant in season and out of season". You should not be unprepared to pray for somebody else if they need it. Many times people say, "Jay, pray for me." Maybe I don't *feel* like praying for them. But I stop and pray. I see things happen. It doesn't matter how I *feel*. When the opportunity presents itself, go for it. The Bible says, "Be instant in season and out of season." Anything else is a sin.

When somebody says to you, "Pray for me," immediately, stop what you are doing, lay hands on that person, and start ministering the Word. "But I don't *feel* anything." Well, much of the time I don't either. So what! The validity and integrity of the Word of God is never conditioned upon how I *feel* or what I *feel*. I don't wait for *feeling*. I spring into gear. It is not a matter of

feeling. It is a matter of obedience. If I am willing to obey, the *feeling* usually comes after the obedience.

Remember the little illustration of the choo-choo train? We want to rearrange the cars. The first car is fact - that's the engine. That's God's Word. Fact pulls the whole train. Next comes faith. Finally, comes *feeling* - that's the caboose. We want to take *feeling* and move it to the front because if we don't *feel* something, our train doesn't go. If I waited for *feeling* before my train began to move, you would never hear a sermon. Nobody would ever lead a song. Nobody would ever give any money in the offering. Nobody would ever do anything. We put *feeling* at the front, and that's the last the place you put it. Your loved ones can be healed if you will just get off your blessed assurance and start doing what God's Word says to do; lay hands on the sick, for they shall recover, whether you *feel* anything or not. Do it, and the Word of God will make reality of itself, and they will be healed.

Chapter Six

I've Done What You Said, But I'm Still Not Healed. What Do I Do Now?

The question is, "What do I do when I have had hands laid on me and I am still not healed? What do I do when I have been anointed with oil and I am not healed? What do I do after I have been prayed for and I am still not healed? What do I do?" In this chapter, we will answer these questions. Look at verse 36 in Hebrews, chapter 10.

Heb 10:35-36

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (KJV)

We must ask ourselves, "What is the will of God that I am to do concerning healing? If I am sick, what is the will of God that I am to do? The Bible teaches us that there are eight ways in which God administers healing. One of them requires absolutely no faith on the part of the people. That one way is just a move of God in which He sovereignly touches someone, and as a result, that person is healed. This way of healing requires no faith on their part. It requires no believing on their part. It requires nothing on their part but to be there. The Spirit of God just sovereignly makes up His mind who He wants to reach out and touch.

The other seven ways require faith on the part of the person being healed. It requires faith for you to know the will of God concerning your healing and your willingness to act on what you know.

Since faith is required for you to be healed these other seven ways, I must explain to you just what faith is so that you might obtain it and exercise it. Faith is nothing more than information. Faith is the revealed will of God. Faith is God enabling you to know in advance what He is about to do. Faith is information that you receive from God for you to act upon. That information will

come from reading the Scripture, or it will come from the Spirit of God communicating with you directly into your spirit man. But faith is knowing the will of God in advance. Faith is information that you receive from God pertaining to a given subject that you are to act upon. Now these other seven ways of being healed all require faith on your part. That is, you have to know some things. You have to know what these seven ways are and then you have to act on one of them. When you act on one of them, that's doing the will of God. That's the will of God that you are to do pertaining to your healing.

For instance, the Bible says that believers shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. You are sick. OK, you are going to act on this. You are saying to yourself, "I will get a believer, who believes in healing and walks with God, to lay hands on me so that I might be healed." When you do, you are doing the will of God for your healing. The Bible says, "After you have done the will of God, you have need of patience that you might receive the promise."

In addition, the Bible also talks about anointing with oil (James chapter 5) combined with prayer.

James 5:14-15

14 Is any sick among you? 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:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (KJV)

The Bible says, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." (This is prayer based on information we receive from God for us to act upon concerning our healing.) You see, the anointing with oil combined with the prayer of faith is also the will of God for you to do for your healing. So you act on it. You do it. You have done the will of God. Therefore, you need some patience so that you might receive the promise. You see, there may be a time span between the time when you act on God's promise (when you literally do the will of God), and the time that promise is fulfilled for you. In other words, you may have hands laid on you tonight

and you may be instantaneously healed, or it may take an hour or a day or a week. You must understand that a gap may exist between the time you act on the Word of God and the time when God actually performs His promise. During that interval, the Bible says that you need patience so that after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise.

Four Things You Must Do While Waiting For Your Healing

I want to add something else to this patience thing. What do I do while I am waiting? Do I just sit here and let the devil bang me around? No, I do not. This is where the great majority of Christians miss it. We have been taught to be passive, when in fact, we ought to be the most aggressive people on the face of this planet. The Bible says we are the army of God. We are the army that is bringing in His kingdom. An army must be prepared to go on the offensive as well as the defensive. During the interim period, from the time you have acted on the Word of God and the time that the promise is fulfilled for you, you must do some things as an army.

What must we do while exercising this patience? When I have been prayed for and I still am not healed, when I have been anointed with oil and I am still not healed, when I have had hands laid on me and I am still not healed, while I am waiting, what must I do? You must do four things.

Your First Thing To Do While Waiting On Your Healing : Engage The Enemy in Warfare

In Deuteronomy 2, we find the principle of warfare. In this passage, the children of Israel enter the promised land. They have come through the wilderness experience. Now, they must take that land. In so many words, God said, "See all that land? I promised it to you. It belongs to you. It's yours, every square inch of it, but there are heathen living on your land, the land that I gave to you. Those are not My people, and that's not their land. You are My people, and I have given you that land. Therefore, here is what you must do. It's yours, but you must go in there and kick them off. You must go in there and take it. You must contend with them in battle for that which is already yours because they are trespassing on it. They are occupying your territory. I never gave it to them. I never told them to go in there.

They are just there. Go in there and get them off." *And the battle was on.*

In the same manner, God said, "The victory is assured, but you must go to war. You must take the land away from the devil's crowd." Now, here's where it all breaks down. Many people go through all of the motions. They act on the Word of God part of the way. They act on the Word of God by being anointed with oil, getting prayed for, and getting hands laid on them. They will act on the Word of God by partaking of the bread in the LORD's Supper, believing it to have healing power in it. But they stop at this point, and they are still not healed because they do not kick the enemy out of their territory.

In other words, they are just not through doing the will of God. They have done well as far as they have gone. They just don't finish the job. As long as the enemy is there, the laying on of hands, the making of prayer over them, and the anointing with oil is only the beginning. As long as the enemy is still there, I have things to do. As long as that sickness is still in my body, I still have some things to do. I have to go in there and kick the enemy out. I have to go in there and kick him literally off my territory because a healthy body is a promise to me from God. That is my territory. The devil has no right in my territory. Therefore, I must boot him out.

The enemy will sit on your shoulder and whisper in your ear that it is really and truly the will of God for you to be sick. Don't listen to this nonsense. It is not the will of God for His children to be sick. Never believe that line of garbage that comes straight from hell, which declares that God is using sickness to deal with His child. That is the most bizarre thing I ever heard. The Bible says that the devil smote Job. In this statement, we see the origin of sickness. God does not originate sickness. Sickness came straight from the devil, and it's the devil's will for you to be sick. It is not God's will for any Christian to be sick. Never let any well-meaning person tell you otherwise. It is not the will of God for His people to be sick.

When I get hands laid on me, have prayer made over me, and get myself anointed with oil, if I am not up and well shortly, I have

some more things to do. What, then, must I do? I have started doing the will of God, but I am not through. I have done what God said to do to make the point of contact, but after I have made the contact, then I must go into battle. The war is on, and I must engage the enemy on whatever turf is necessary. Clothed with the Word of God and the will of God, and armed with the Spirit of God and the name of Jesus, I am not afraid to take him on. The battle is joined. *But how do I fight him?*

***Your Second Thing To Do While Waiting On Your Healing:
Be Careful What You Talk About***

How do I fight the devil to get him out of my territory? Here's how! I am going to stand on my promise and what I stand on I am going to talk about. I am going to say with my mouth the same things that the Word of God says on the written page. In other words, if God led me to get hands laid on me, I will repeat Mark 16: 18 to my sickness, to my pain, to any scoffer that comes in my face, to the devil, and to any demon. Every time that I hurt, I will say what God said. He said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Therefore, I will confess that I am recovering. I will drive the devil out of my territory by quoting the Word of God.

This is exactly how Jesus dealt with the devil. In Matthew 4, the devil approached Jesus when He was in the mount and he tempted Him. He says first one thing and then another. (He takes just enough truth out of the Scripture to hook the unwary.) But Jesus was not unwary. He gave the devil some Scripture lessons every time he came out at Him. Jesus quoted the Bible to him and got him out of his face by quoting the Scripture. Therefore, when I have had hands laid on me and I am still not healed, while I am waiting to receive the promise, I will engage in battle by watching what I say. I will not talk about how I feel. I will not talk about my problems. I will not talk about what is wrong with me because that is just reconfirming the work of the devil. Rather, I will talk what God talks. I will quote God's Word to my own pain, to my own sickness, to my own problem. I will quote what the Word of God says. I will say, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. They laid hands on me. Therefore I am recovering. I may hurt a little bit but I am

recovering. This thing will not knock me out because I am on the way up."

Change what you say. Line up your speech with what God said with his speech. You will find that when you say what God said about your sickness, your health will change and line up with what God said. But as long as I talk my feelings, as long as I talk where I have been, as long as I talk how I feel, as long as I talk what the doctor said, as long as I talk how everybody has given me up because I have a terminal disease, that disease will indeed, prove to be terminal.

Do you want us to lie? No. But I want you to say what the Bible says. "They shall lay hands on the sick. They shall recover. I am sick but they laid hands on me. Therefore, bless God, I am recovering. I am recovering. I am recovering." Every time somebody gets in my face that is not a believer, I will get them out of my face. They will talk what the devil talks. They won't talk what God talks. They will talk what the devil talks.

Sometimes a well-meaning, but ignoramus Christian, is the greatest tool there is in the hands of the devil. They walk around with this "long Christian robe" on. They will strut themselves around, and they will talk their negative, unbiblical garbage. They will unravel your faith and leave you there to die. They will give you platitudes about "preparing to meet your Maker," but I don't want to prepare to meet my Maker because of a sickness, since I have learned what the Bible says about healing.

God does not will any member of the Abrahamic Seed Group to die by sickness. If you are a child of God, you have some rights, and the Word of God says that being well is one of them. Therefore, I will talk the Word of God during the interim, from the time I get hands laid on me until the time I am healed. I will tell everybody in this world that I am recovering. For the Bible says, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." I was sick. They laid hands on me. Therefore I am recovering. That's fighting the devil. That's driving him up the wall. That's driving him absolutely nuts.

Your Third Thing To Do While Waiting on Your Healing: Be

Careful What You Concentrate On

During the interim, be careful what you concentrate on. Hebrews 11 talks about Abraham. It talks about him looking for a city that he never saw with his physical eye. Nevertheless, he knew that city existed, and he spent his entire life looking for it. In this passage, the Bible makes a statement that will absolutely blow your mind, if you will just concentrate on it.

Heb 11:10

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (KJV)

Heb 11:15

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. (KJV)

The Bible says in verse 15 above that if those people, Abraham included, had been mindful of that city or country from which they came out, they might have had opportunity to go back to it. Now let that soak in just a minute.

In other words, Abraham had some promises from God who said, in so many words, "I am going to show you a city that your eyes have never seen. I am going to put you in a land where you have never been." That was the information. Well, what is Abraham going to do with this information? You see, this information became his faith, because faith is information we receive from God for us to act upon. Now, Abraham's information declared that a city and land awaited him. What is he going to do about it? He acted on it. The Bible said that Abraham got up and left the land of Ur of the Chaldees, the land of his father. He left, not knowing wither he went, but God guided him a day at a time and a step at a time.

While on that journey, looking for that city, looking for that land, how many times do you think he had opportunity to think about the homeland he left? How many times did he have opportunity to think about the land of Ur of the Chaldees, which was where he was born, his home, the place where his father lived.

You have to keep this in mind. Abraham was a heathen. His father was a heathen. How many times would he have had opportunity to think about where he had come from? He could have been very mindful of the cities that he left. But do you know what the Bible seems to indicate? He watched what he thought about. He guarded his mind. He thought about where he was going, but not where he came from.

The converse is true with the children of Israel when they left Egypt. The Bible says they missed the flesh pots of Egypt. Things got a little rough for them and they thought about where they had come from. They remembered that they had been slaves, but after all, it wasn't that bad. They wanted to go back to the flesh pots of Egypt.

Not Abraham. He guarded what he thought about. He wouldn't even think about where he had come from. He was not even mindful of it. He kept his mind occupied with the place that God promised him. He thought only about where he was going.

The New Testament tells us we need to "gird up the loins of our mind." This is a very simple illustration. They wore loin clothes back then like we wear some athletic garments or a girdle today. They just girded up their loins with a loin cloth. This kept them tight, secure and firm. In like manner, Peter talks about girding up the loins of your mind. What did he mean by that? He meant watch what you think about. In other words, cinch up your thoughts so your mind can't think whatever it wants to think. But gird them up.

1 Pet 1:13

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (KJV)

When you have acted on a promise of God for healing, and a gap exists between the time when you act on it and the time when you are healed, you must not only quote Scripture, but you must gird up the loins of your mind. Concentrate on the solution, not on the problem. Concentrate on the Word of God, the promise of God, and not on the sickness. Watch what you think about. Think more about what God's Word says than about

what's wrong with you. When you concentrate on what is wrong with you to the exclusion of what God's Word says about it, that is being mindful of "the country" from which you came out. If you become mindful of it, that is where you will end up. So, we have to gird up the loins of our mind.

Jonah, in the belly of the great fish, faced the same choice. In the belly of the fish, all was lost. Everything looked bleak. I think everybody would say Jonah had a case of terminal illness. How else can you consider it? Jonah, in the belly of the fish, faced a choice. Does he consider where he is? Or does he consider the fact that he had some promises from God that would get him out of that impossible situation? What does he do? He makes a statement that all of us should heed.

Jonah 2:1-10

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. (KJV)

He made this statement in his watery grave, in the belly of the fish. With the sea weeds wrapped around his head, he said in verse 8, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." Let that sink in a minute. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. In other words, there he is with sea weeds wrapped around his head, up to his neck in sea water and stomach acid, inside this huge fish, with no way to get out.

He must make some choices. Does he observe these circumstances, or does he observe what God said? He said, "God has made some promises to me, but my circumstances are getting in the way of those promises. Do I observe these circumstances, or do I observe what God said?" For Jonah, his environment was a lying vanity, and he refused to let it interfere with what God had called him to do. He said "I will yet turn my eyes toward Jerusalem, and I will yet sing thanksgivings to God, because this is a lying vanity." Furthermore, he said, "If I occupy myself with this lying vanity, then I forsake my own mercy."

A sick person has to make the same choice. You can concentrate on your illness and how bad they say it is. But why? That illness is a lying vanity which the devil stuck on you. It is a lying vanity that he put there. The word "vanity" means "emptiness of results." Your sickness is "emptiness of results" when you know what to do about it. If you become occupied with these lying vanities, and do not concentrate on what God said, they (the lying vanities) will cause you to forsake your own mercy.

You see, healing is promised to every child of God in the Abrahamic covenant. That same Abrahamic covenant is equated with the term "mercy." The psalmist David equated the Abrahamic covenant with "mercy." Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, equated the Abrahamic covenant with the term "mercy." Mary, the mother of Jesus, equated the Abrahamic covenant with "mercy." Therefore, when Jonah said, "They forsake their own mercies," he is talking about forsaking the Abrahamic covenant promises that God made for us all. Do not concentrate on lying vanities.

What is a lying vanity? A lying vanity is your environment. It is a

circumstance. It is a person. It is a doctor. It is a preacher. It is a church. It is anything that gets between you and the promise of God being fulfilled for you. Whatever does so is a lying vanity. Don't you concentrate on it. The moment that you give that thing a place in your mind, you have forsaken your "mercy," that group of promises called the Abrahamic covenant. When a person says to himself, "I am at the end of it all, I must cast myself on the mercy of God," that person is casting himself on God's promise to heal in the Abrahamic covenant. There is no mercy of God apart from the Abrahamic covenant, for it is equated with God's mercy in the Scriptures.

If you forsake your own mercies, you have forsaken the Abrahamic covenant. When you forsake that, you have lost all hope of building faith to be healed because the Abrahamic covenant guarantees healing.

Therefore, during the interim, when I have done the will of God, when I have been prayed for, when I have been anointed with oil, when I have had hands laid on me, and I am still not healed; there are things I have to do. I have to go to war. I have to say nothing with my lips except what God said with His. I have to say what God said. I have to quote Scripture to the critics, to the scoffers and to the doubters. I have to quote Scripture to my sickness. I have to quote Scripture to the devil. I have to say with my mouth what God has said in His Word. God said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." I was sick. Hands were laid on me. Therefore, I am recovering. I am recovering. Every time I feel the pain, I will say, "I am recovering. I am recovering. I am recovering. I am recovering." And the first thing you know, you are recovered.

In the interim, I will gird up the loins of my mind. I will not concentrate on the lying vanities. I will not become unduly preoccupied with circumstances. I will not be mindful (like Abraham) of that city that I left. But I will only occupy myself with that place where I am going. Where I am going is the land of perfect health, right here and now. God's will for you is to be well. It is the will of God for you to be healed. When you learn what your rights are, you will kick the devil and his usurpers out of your land. When you know how to do it and you do it with a vengeance, you will turn your whole situation around. You will

see the person that medical science has given up on, get off that sick bed and walk out of the sick room.

It is not the will of God for you to be sick. It is not the will of God for you to die prematurely with an illness. It is the will of God for His children to be well. It is the will of God for you to glorify God in your body. You cannot glorify God in your body if you are sick. God has made every provision in this world for His children to have divine health. You need to learn what your rights are and how to get them.

The main way to get healing is to act on one of those seven Healing Delivery Vehicles. Then God is obligated to heal you, provided you join the battle with Him, and kick the devil right out of your space. You do that by talking what God talks and becoming totally occupied with what God says and where you are going and what He has promised.

***Your Forth Thing To Do While Waiting For Your Healing:
Control The Devil and His Demons Using Jesus' Name***

You have to take control over demons and the devil. If your sickness is not gone the very moment you act on one of God's seven Healing Delivery Vehicles, you must recognize that a demon may be lurking. Therefore, you must talk to that thing in no uncertain terminology. You have to stamp your foot and shout, "Demon, in the name of Jesus, you have no right in there. I'll not give you place for one minute. In the name of Jesus, get out of my system and take your sickness with you. You foul spirit from hell, get out of my life. Get out of my body. Get out of my flesh. Take your sickness, your pain and your damage with you and get out, in Jesus name." They have to flee.

So what do you do in the interim? Pull out every gun in your arsenal and fire it. There are lots of them that we haven't even talked about yet. But this gives you enough to get rolling. You don't have to put up with the devil's mess. It is not the will of God for you to be sick. God promises healing in His Word (the Abrahamic covenant).

Galatians 3 says that the Abrahamic covenant is still running full bore. It's never been set aside, canceled, or postponed. It

continues even now. It is working for me. It will work for you. It is your right. You are in it since you are a Christian. You have to learn how to do what God wants you to do. You must join in the battle and take your promised land. It's yours. You must learn how to take it.

So we have seen four things:

- (1) Get in the continuous battle
- (2) Say what God says
- (3) Consume your mind with where God says He is taking you and not where you came from
- (4) Kick the devil right in the seat and get him out of your space

He's got to do what you tell him. You command him, and he will do it. Don't say, "I command you, devil." That's telling him what you are going to do. Say, "Get out, in Jesus name." That's commanding him.

What do you do when nothing has worked and you are still sick? You need to read Deuteronomy 2. Everything those people were going after in battle, God had previously promised to them. But He said, "You must possess it in battle. You must contend with the enemy in battle for that which is yours." That land was theirs, but usurpers were on it who had to be forced off. The Abrahamic Seed Group had to go to war. When they went to war, they were victorious without exception. They never lost a battle when they did it God's way. You have to follow the same identical procedure.

We have heard, "Christians have to turn the other cheek." Yes, there are times when we have to turn the other cheek, but if ever the devil has perverted a Scripture, it's this one. There are times when you better stand up and be counted. There are times when you better cover the ground that you stand on. There are times when you need to look the devil right in the eye. There are times when you better not budge. The only time you budge is when they carry you out in a pine box. Then you quit. Then you give up. Otherwise, you take you on the enemy in battle.

You must go at the devil just like that. If you don't, all is lost and you will die, prematurely, in your sickness. But if you learn what is yours and you go after the devil hammer and tong, tooth and

nail, hip and thigh, and get him out of your face, he will get out and take his sickness with him. It came from him and he has no right to hang it on you and keep it there.

Many people think a Christian is supposed to be a panty waist. That's not so. He/She must be a man's man and a woman's woman. If you aren't, you will be run over by the devil. Look at it this way, if you do get run over; let him know he has been in a dog fight. Make him earn whatever he tries to get from you. Don't put up with him. You just don't have to put up with him.

Take care of your bodies. If you smoke, quit. That is unhealthy. It will kill you. If you eat too much, quit. That will kill you. If you eat too much sugar, quit. That will kill you. Get yourself under control. Exercise some discipline. Get yourself toughened up. Then when the devil puts a sickness on you, go for his throat. You say, "Devil, you are not hanging me with this. In Jesus' name, get out of my face and take your pain, sickness and damage with you!"

"Father, teach us to be bold. Teach us that there are things we have to do. Teach us, that we have to join in the battle. Teach us what you want us to do. Teach us that your seven other Healing Delivery Vehicles are conditional, that we have to launch the attack, and that our healing comes as that attack is launched. Teach us that you join with us in the battle and give us the victory, but that we must carry the battle to the enemy. Teach us to never give up. We have to hang in there. Teach us, O Lord, that there is a war to be waged, a victory to be won and that God meets us at the place of our counter attack. Lord, teach us more deeply what to do during the interim, between the time we act on the Word of God and the time when the promise comes. Heal your people. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Chapter Seven

Nine More Surefire Healing Steps You Can Take To Be Healed Now

Psalms 107 and Proverbs 4 demonstrate the place of the Scriptures in the healing process. When a person makes light of, belittles, explains away, does not believe, and, therefore, will not act upon the Word of God, the Holy Ghost is powerless in that person's life. To be more specific, the Holy Ghost is powerless in that particular area in which the person has belittled, rejected, set aside, canceled, and gotten rid of the Word of God.

Ps 107:20

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (KJV)

The above verse says that the Word of God is necessary for healing and delivering. That's why He sent it. He sent his Word and healed them, and delivered them out of all their troubles and their destructions. Consequently, we build our faith upon the Word of God. The Word of God activates the power of God in our lives. Having said that, look at Proverbs 4: 20-27 below.

Prov 4:20-27

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. (KJV)

Look closely at verse 22. "They," my Words, "are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh." Many people want a long life and healthy flesh. Moreover, there is a correlation between what you do with the Word of God and a long life and healthy flesh. The book of Proverbs says basically the same thing that the Psalmist said in Psalms 107, "I sent my Word and healed them." Both say that the Word is responsible for health and long life. So then, we must pay close attention to the Word.

Now what is the Word? The Word, first, is the Scripture. The Word, second, is that small, still voice of God, speaking to your spirit man. (This voice, however, will never contradict the Scripture.) The Word is a sermon that you hear, provided that sermon does not contradict the written Word of God. So then, health and long life are directly related to the Word.

Well, if they are directly related to the Word and God sent his Word to heal and deliver, why then, aren't all people healed and delivered? The answer is contained right here in the book of Proverbs. There are nine Healing Steps (in this passage) that you must do concerning the Word of God if you want to be healed and delivered, and have healthy flesh and a long life. Leave out any of these steps and you will miss your healing. Here are the nine steps.

Healing Step #1: Attend to My Words

Verse 20 says, "My son attend to my Words." How many sermons have you ever sat under that went right over your head because you were inattentive? How many times have you been taught a lesson on healing, and it went right past you because you were inattentive? You see, you are not attending to "my Words." Therefore, you are subject to run into a situation where your life is shortened or your flesh becomes unhealthy, because you were not attentive to the Word of God. If I have a bad disease, and I determine that God sent something to heal that disease, I am going to attend to what ever "it" was that He sent. If I can be convinced that a cure, a remedy, a medicine, or whatever, will handle my problem, I will give my attention to it. I will attend to what my "doctor" says.

God sent His Word to heal and deliver, and the Word of God can cause long life and good, healthy flesh. Therefore, if I am to have it, the Bible says that I must attend to what He said. He said, "My son attend to my Words." As long as things are going good and we are healthy and our family is healthy, we don't have to pay too much attention to this. As a matter of fact, a lot of folk don't pay too much attention to anything that God said, the Bible said, the preacher said, or some Godly person said, as long as things are going our way. When it is all going our way, we don't need God. Therefore, why should I listen to him?

The day will come, however, when things will not go your way. At some point, the devil will slip up on your blind side, and cause things to will blow up in your face. Then what will you do?

The Bible says that if you have been attending to His Word, you don't have to worry because you will come through. You will have health, deliverance and long life. But when you disregard the Word of God, you cut yourself loose from the very vehicle that God sent to maintain you in this world: HIS WORD.

Let me say it again. The Holy Ghost is bound and limited by what the Scriptures say. When a person starts playing games with the Scripture, doing mental gymnastics with it, explaining it away, reducing it to nothing, rationalizing it and spiritualizing it, the power of God and the Spirit of God are no longer operative in that person's life. He is absolutely on his own, because the Spirit of God only works through the *applied* Word of God. The Spirit does nothing "willy nilly." He does it in conjunction with the Word. Therefore, when we need healing, we must attend to His Words. We must *pay attention* to it. So when you hear healing sermons, don't let them fly past you. You need to reach out to them, grab them, and bring them into your life. You must attend to the Word.

Healing Step #2: Incline Thine Ear To My Sayings

Verse 20 says, "Incline thine ear unto my sayings." Sometimes you have to force the ear to listen. There are times when our imagination and our capacity to day-dream get the upper hand of us. Sometimes it is easier to tune out what the preacher says than it is to incline your ear, because your mind will drift. You will

be out there on the golf course while the preacher is preaching. You will be out there in a boat, reeling in a big one, while the preacher is preaching. You will be doing something else while the preacher is preaching. You are solving, in your mind, the problems of your business or your job while the preacher is preaching. You see, our minds are constantly on the move. What you have to do is incline your ear. In other words, *you must make your ear listen*.

This is something you *must* do. You must not play mind games, letting your mind drift all over the place. You must force your ear to incline itself and listen to the Word. The Word is meaningless to you until you hear it.

The Bible talks about faith and how it comes. One of the very shortest verses in the Bible tells us where faith comes from. It comes from hearing.

Rom 10:17

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (KJV)

You must hear God's Words before faith can be built. God said if you want a long life, health and deliverance, you must force your ear to listen and make it concentrate on what He is saying. There are two things here:

- (1) You must force yourself to hear
- (2) You must force yourself to attend to what you heard

This means that you have to concentrate on it. You have to meditate on it. You have to roll it around in your mind for days and hours. You have to attend to it. You have to think on that Word until that Word becomes a part of you. Hear them and then attend to them.

Healing Step #3: Let Them Not Depart From Thine Eyes

Verse 21 says, "Let them not depart from thine eyes." Our eyes are like our minds; they can dart to and fro. You can walk down

the aisle in a store and get a headache because your eyes just pop and flash as you see what's one each aisle. (You will look at everything there and go back 35 or 45 minutes later and buy the first thing that you saw.) Boy, your eyes are just popping. They just bug out of your head. This is just natural! We see things that we don't even think we see. Yet, the Bible tells us that there are some things that we are to look at and some things that we are to shut out. The Words of God are not to depart from our eyes. In other words, I am to spend a great part of my time looking at what God said in His Word.

We must look on the printed page of His Word concerning those promises of God that we need for our healing. When we need healing or when somebody in our family needs healing, we must isolate those Scriptures that contain a promise of God for our healing and look at that. We are not to let those Words depart from our eyes. We are to look at those Words to the point that when we shut our eyes, we can still see them.

Some time back, I talked to a lady who had terminal cancer. I said, "We have a prayer meeting to pray for the sick, and we have seen people with terminal cancer get healed in this church on Tuesday night. Come on and join us." She never came. Do you know what else? She never filled her vision with the Words of God pertaining to her healing. She was hoping. She wanted to be healed. It was the greatest desire of her heart to be loosed from that cancer. But she didn't want to do it the way God's Word said it had to be done. She must hear what God said. She must force her ears to hear it. She has to attend unto it. She must not let those Words depart from her vision.

So the third thing we have to do is, "Let it not depart from our eye." If I have a terminal disease, and I know there is a bottle of pills that will heal me, I will concentrate on that bottle of pills and nothing else. That's letting it not depart from your eyes. That will have my concentration. That bottle will fill my vision. My attention span is going to be centered right there. That's what it means to hear and not let it depart from your eyes. Let your attention be directed to the solution, not the problem. Concentrate on the solution.

Healing Step #4: Keep Them In The Midst of Thine Heart

Verse 21 declares, "Keep them in the midst of thine heart." This means concentrate on it until those Words are hidden in the human spirit, where it actually becomes a part of the inner you. There is an inner you, your "spirit man," and when you concentrate so closely on the Word of God that it becomes a part of the inner you, *then you have arrived*. This is known as "having the Word in you."

Before this can happen, however, you must pass through the first three Healing Steps listed above. You have to attend to it, you have to hear it, and you have to let it not depart from your eyes. When you have experienced these three, the fourth one is possible, because, at that point, the Word of God becomes a part of the inner you (your spirit man).

You have read my teaching on faith enough to know what it is and how it works. Faith is information that you get from God that you must act upon. When you receive information from God, whether it's through prayer or whether it's through searching the Scripture, you find God's will in certain areas and you concentrate and meditate on that until it becomes part of you. Then when a problem arises, you will not meet that problem by your own human ingenuity, wits and reason. Rather, you will solve it with the Word that has been hidden in your heart. That's what the book of Proverbs meant when it said, "Let it not depart from your eyes, but keep it in the midst of thine heart." You have to get the Word in your heart. And you have to keep it there. When you do this, guess what happens? At that very point, you are assured a long life and healthy flesh.

This is all a positive response to the Word. God operates through and by His Word. In the Word, the Holy Ghost has freedom to act. The Word contains everything that God promised us. The Word gives eternal life. The Word gives a long physical life. The Word grants blessings for our family. The Word produces healing for our flesh. He sent His Word and it healed and delivered them. Next, God turns His attention to the heart in verses 23 and 25.

Healing Step #5: Keep Thy Heart With All Diligence

Look at verse 23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." Once those Words have been hidden in the heart, then keep your heart with all diligence. You can't keep your heart until the Word is put in it. You have to hear the Word to the point where faith is built. You have to hear the Word to the extent that it has assumed a place in your thinking. You have to hear the Word until it is more real to you than what you see with your physical eye. For when it gets that real, what you see with your physical eyes can be changed by the supernatural power of God, working through the Word that has been placed in your heart.

You can change your environment, though it defies explanation and though it defies medical science. When the Word has been hidden so deeply in your heart that it is more real to you than what you see with your eyes, that Word can change what you see with your eye through the supernatural power of God. Therefore, when a person with a terminal disease hears the doctor say, "All is lost," it is absolutely meaningless to him because he has the Word buried so deeply in his heart that it's more real to him than what the doctor says and what he feels in his body. It's the Word that changes things. So keep your heart with all diligence. Once that Word is in it, keep the heart because out of it come the issues of life.

Healing Step #6: Put Away a Crooked Mouth and Perverse Lips

God connects the mouth and the heart in the very next verse. Why does He talk about the mouth being connected to the heart? He said, "Keep your heart because out of it are the issues of life." Then He talks about being careful what your mouth says. He said, "Put away from thee a crooked mouth and perverse lips put far from thee." Why does He connect the mouth, in this context, with the heart? Because Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh."

Matt 12:34

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (KJV)

You will speak out whatever is in your heart. Whatever is in your heart is what's going to come out of your mouth. Guess what will come out of the mouth of a man that is filled with filth and dirt? Filth and dirt. But consider a man who is filled with the Word of God. Guess what will come out of his mouth? The Word of God, of course.

Suppose a terminal disease attacks both of them. The guy who doesn't have the Word in his heart is going to speak human ingenuity. He will talk doctors and medicine, but the man who has the Word in his heart will talk Holy Ghost, Scripture, God and healing. He will find those things in the Word of God that concern healing. He will talk God's Word in the face of his own terminal disease. Guess what happens when he talks what God talks?

When he says what God says, he will see, either an instantaneous, miraculous, healing miracle, or he will see his situation gradually turn around and improve. You see, a crooked mouth and perverse lips speak things from a human heart that is not filled with the Word of God. Anything we say that does not match up to the Word of God is a perversion. We must learn to say what God says. We can only do that as long as what God says rests in our heart. That can only occur as you hear what He said, give attention to it, let it not depart from your vision, and keep it in the midst of your heart.

So what we say determines what we have, what we are and how we are. What we say is dependent upon what is inside of us. It's the Word that God sent that healed and delivered. These are the ways to make it work. We have to hear it. We have to tend to it. We must not let it depart from our eyes. We must bury it in the midst of our heart and then say what is in our heart.

Healing Step #7: Our Eyes Must Look Straight Ahead and Right On

Look at verse 25. "Let thine eyes look right on and let thine eye lids look straight before thee." In other words, watch where you go. Go only to those places where the Word that fills your vision says you can go.

To put it differently, you must fully understand two things:
(1) God sent his Word and healed and delivered those people (2)
What He said then applies to us now also

When you understand these two things, you will have your eyes so filled with the Word of God that all you see is the will of God. If a terminal disease hits, you will walk in the way in which God said in His Word that you must walk for your healing. Let me say this to you in no uncertain terms. It is absolutely the will of God for all Christians to be healed. It is absolutely not the will of God for any one of us to get sick and remain that way. There is no middle ground. There's no gray area.

I can demonstrate from Scripture with no uncertainties that it is absolutely not the will of God for any of His children to be sick and stay that way. It is absolutely the will of God for all His children to receive Jesus as their healer and be healed. That is the will of God. Otherwise, why would God send His Word to heal them? Otherwise, why would God tell us to go through the exercises in Proverbs 4 if He did not will for all of us to be healed?

If somebody performed the exercises in this chapter (the nine Healing Steps) and were not healed, we must tear this passage right out of the Scripture because the Bible says that these Words (verse 22) are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh. This *must* work for everybody reading this page or these Words must be torn out and this page of the Bible must be re-written.

Healing Step #8: Hear and Receive My Sayings For Long Life

Let me show you another thing about healing in Proverbs 4:10. We must both hear and receive for a long healthy life.

Prov 4:10

**10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;
and the years of thy life shall be many. (KJV)**

"Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life shall be many." *Hear and receive*. That's the same thing He

said in verses 20 - 22. He said "attend and incline, let not depart and keep." This is saying the same thing. "*Hear and receive* my sayings and the years of thy life shall be many."

In addition, He said in verse 11, "My sayings have taught thee in the ways of wisdom and I (through my sayings) have led thee in right paths and (because of my sayings in verse 12) when thou goest (my son), thy steps shall not be hindered and when thou runnest (because of my sayings) thou shalt not stumble." (*Parenthesis mine.*)

Prov 4:11-12

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. (KJV)

He said, "Hear my sayings and receive them, and you are going to have a long life." Not only a long one, but a healthy one.

There are two ways to deal with everything in your life. You can use your own human ingenuity or you can deal with life's problems based on what the Word of God says. When you operate based on what the Word of God says, you will be a winner.

But when you operate with your own ingenuity, you will always be a loser. It may take a year; it may take two years, but the day will come when you will be leveled in the dust, and the Word people will walk victoriously over you.

Healing Step #9: Take Fast Hold of Instructions and Let Them Not Go

Verse 13 says, "Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life."

Prov 4:13

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life. (KJV)

He is talking about His sayings and His Word. He has called them His doctrine, His teachings, His sayings and His Word.

Now, He calls them *instruction* and He personifies His *instruction*. He named this *instruction* a grand lady. He said take fast hold of *her*. Place a value on *her*. These instructions are your very life.

As Christian people, God has left us instructions and these instructions are our lives. They are our lives concerning our homes, our marriages, and our children. These instructions are our lives concerning health for our bodies. These instructions are our lives concerning the salvation of our soul. These instructions are our lives concerning healthy flesh. These instructions are our lives concerning our finances.

Here is something that is amazing. If there is anything else in this world that God's people can do, rather than come to the house of God and receive instructions to get the abundant life that Jesus promised, they will do it as though that was their life. But that is not their life. It will bring them down to death. The instructions from God are their life. Hang on, then, to that lady called instruction. She is your very life.

He sent His Word and healed them. He sent His Word and delivered them from their destruction. Take fast hold of the Word, let it not go, keep it. For the Word is your life. Oh, please listen to me. Isn't it time that we become Word people? Isn't it time that we become people of faith, grounded and based on the Word? Isn't it time that we based our lives on the Word of God and do things God's way? God's way is life. God's way is health. God's way is deliverance. God's way is prosperity. God's way is peace of mind. God's way is joy. God's way is access to the throne. God's way is the best way and it is contained in God's Words, the instructions in this blessed old Bible.

The people who are sick and feed themselves a steady diet of the Word of God will see, either a marvelous change right then and there, or they will see a gradual change. They will gradually improve and ultimately, they will recover. The Bible says "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Notice, Mark 16 does not say they *might, perhaps, maybe, or seems like they should* recover. It says that they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover (Greek indicative mood future active). They shall recover. Indicative in Greek is the mood of reality. It says

what is. It says what's reality. It says what is fact. It does not talk about *potential*, it does not talk *probably*, *seems like*, and *I thought maybe*, but it talks about *what is*. It says, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

The person who gets the Word of God in his heart and bases his life upon it, has something that the Holy Ghost can use when things go against him; he will rely upon the Word that is in him, not upon his own ingenuity. The moment that he relies on the Word of God that's in him, the Holy Ghost acts in his life. Based on the indwelling Word of God, the Holy Ghost gives total deliverance, including freedom, healing, health and a long, prosperous life.

He sent His Word and healed them. Therefore, take fast hold of instruction, His sayings, and His Word. Take fast hold of her. Let her not go. Keep her, for she is thy life, a life composed of health and longevity. Take the instructions, live them, and those instructions will be your life too.

Chapter Eight

Why Jesus' Name Always Gets You Healed: Faith Building Truth About His Name You've Not Seen Before

The first healing after Jesus left for heaven is recorded in Acts 3. In this passage, the formula for this man's healing was very simple and direct: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Acts 3: 6-7

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength. (KJV)

First, look specifically at the expression in verse 6, "In the name of Jesus." *In* is the Greek proposition EN which means *in*, the same as our English preposition *in*. If I drew a circle around the chair where I am sitting, all the space (territory) on the inside of that circle would be represented by the Greek proposition *in*.

In like manner, the expression, *in the name of Jesus*, simply means that everything located within the territory covered by the authority of Jesus Himself is also included in His name. Jesus' name and Jesus' person are one and the same. So, we find here, that healing is covered within the sphere of the name of Jesus. When Peter said *in the name*, he is saying *in the area covered by the power and the authority of the name of Jesus, rise up and walk*.

Secondly, I want to show you six different Greek words that Peter used in this passage to describe this first miracle of healing which occurred after Jesus went back to heaven.

Greek Healing Word #1

Notice the word *strength* in verse 7. This translates STEREOW, a dead ringer for our English word *steroid*. You have heard about athletes taking steroids. What do steroids do for them? Steroids make them strong. STEREOW has the same identical meaning, for you see, this man had no strength. He is called *impotent*, and the Greek word ASTHENIA (translated *impotent*) means the absence of strength. (ASTHENIA combines the Greek negative, A, with STHENOS, the Greek word for strength, STHENOS.)

The name of Jesus that Peter spoke over this man gave him a dose of Holy Ghost *steroids*. Jesus' name made his feet and ankle bones receive strength. Jesus' name shot Holy Ghost steroids into this man as Peter spoke these words: "Rise up and walk! *In the name of Jesus, receive your Holy Ghost steroids.*" Immediately that man's feet and ankle bones received strength.

Here was a man who had never walked. Then someone that he didn't even know, a fellow named Peter, turned to him and used a name, the name of Jesus. He said: "*Located within the sphere covered by the authority and the power of this Name, you are going to be healed; you are going to receive Holy Ghost steroids and you are going to walk. In the Name of Jesus - walk!*" And he got up and did it. Now isn't that something? STEREOW is one word that describes what happened to him.

Greek Healing Word #2

Let's look at another one in verse 11; specifically, the word *healed*.

Acts 3:11

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. (KJV)

Healed translates the Greek word IAOMAI, which is used 28 times in the Greek New Testament, and it's always used for *physical healing*. This word is never used for *spiritual healing*. IAOMAI is the Greek's primary word to describe *physical healing* for a physical body.

Luke was a doctor, a physician. He probably knew everything there was to know about healing in his day. He knew all the healing words, and he used them all to describe this man's physical healing. Obviously, this passage shows us that healing for the body was located within the sphere which Jesus' name covered, and just the words spoken from Peter's mouth, *in the name of Jesus rise up and walk*, produced this miracle.

This demonstrates two great Bible facts: Healing is located within the sphere or the coverage of the authority, and the power of Jesus' name and physical healing belong to Christians in the name of Jesus. Here, within this sphere, this lame man was healed and walked. Luke, the doctor, used every healing word in the Greek arsenal to convince us this man was actually, physically healed by the power of God. In addition, the only weapon Peter employed was the spoken Word, "In the name of Jesus." Now let me show you another one in verse 16.

Acts 3:16

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. (KJV)

They wanted to know what happened. What did you do to this guy? Peter said to them that Jesus' name made this man strong and gave him perfect soundness. Look at the word *strong*. That's the same word that was used before as a dead ringer for our English word *steroid*. Luke repeated himself. He said this man was given a shot of Holy Ghost *steroids*.

Greek Healing Word #3

Then he said that faith in Jesus' name has given this man *perfect soundness* in the presence of you all. HOLOKLAROS is translated by *perfect soundness*. This word combines two Greek words, *whole* and *inheritance*, and actually means *whole inheritance*. This same word is used in 1 Thessalonians 5: 23 in which Paul prays for the Christians in the church at Thessalonica. He prays about their *whole inheritance* and in this verse, he defines what a Christian's *whole inheritance* is. He said it consists of a *non-defective body*, spirit, and soul.

1Thes 5:23

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

We don't have a problem understanding that God makes our spirit come alive and changes our personality (soul) the moment He saves us. Many of us, however, have a problem believing that God included a non-defective body in our salvation. In 1 Thessalonians 5:23, the *whole inheritance* includes a non-defective body. In Acts 3:16, the passage under consideration here, the same word (HOLOKLAROS) is translated *perfect soundness*. In other words, the *whole inheritance* includes the *perfect soundness* of our body.

Because we have heard negative preaching, condemnation preaching, and punishment preaching, many of us believe that if we are sick, God is punishing us. That is a lie. God does not punish his people with sickness. He just doesn't do that. The Bible teaches the exact opposite. The Bible teaches that we, as Christians, are entitled to the *whole inheritance*, which includes a reborn spirit, a changed personality, and a *non-defective* body.

If Satan has put a sickness on you, in the sphere and the territory covered by the authority and power of Jesus name, you have the right to expect Jesus' name to blast that sickness right out of you. The *whole inheritance*, translated here as *perfect soundness*, is what this man received after he got a good dose of Holy Ghost steroids. For the first time in his life, he came into his *whole inheritance*.

Peter knew what that man's inheritance covered, and he saw what was missing in it. Consequently he pronounced the words over him, *Covered by the sphere of the territory of Jesus' name, get up and walk. You have a right to this. Get up and walk.* And the man did. Why did he do it? Because it belonged to him. A *whole inheritance!* See my book, *What are Abraham's Blessings Anyway*, for a complete explanation of this word translated *whole inheritance*. Don't let the devil do a number on your mind by saying, "You have to be sick sometime." That's garbage.

Perfect soundness means *whole inheritance*. If you are saved, a critical illness is not your *whole inheritance*. God has healing for you. You have the right to expect it because it is Scripture and it belongs to you.

To what does Peter relate this healing in Acts 3? The cause of it was the name of Jesus, but is there a legal document that contains healing, that guarantees it to us? Yes. Look at verse 25. Peter is talking to the critics of this healing. He is talking to the Scribes, the Pharisees, and the Sadducees. The religious elite always want to tell somebody else what to do. And they are unloading on him. They want to know this and they want to know that. So he quotes Genesis 22:18 to them as his reason for everything he said and did to the impotent man. He has already shown that the territory covered by the name of Jesus includes healing in it. Now he gives them the legal document for it in verse 25

Acts 3:25

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. (KJV)

The Abrahamic covenant guarantees four things; salvation for the soul, prosperity, healing for the body, and family well being. Peter simply based what he had done on the Abrahamic covenant. The beautiful thing about the Abrahamic covenant is it is still valid, and Christian Gentiles have been grafted into it. Therefore everything contained in these four basic blessing areas, (salvation, prosperity, family well being, and healing) now covers you.

Therefore, Peter says to his critics that he did it *based on the promises contained in the Abrahamic covenant, and the man who was healed was a child of Abraham; therefore, he was covered by this covenant and healing was his legal right.*

When I say, "Healing was his legal right," some people get *drifty* on me. They say, "Well, the Abrahamic covenant belongs only to the Jews." It does not. It belongs to you. That covenant is still in full force and you, Gentile Christian, have been grafted into that

same Abrahamic Jewish system. Consequently, everything contained in its blessing aspect belongs to you now. Furthermore, Peter said this man was healed because he was covered by the Abrahamic covenant.

At this point, I need to show you why *Jesus' name must always work to deliver your healing*. It must get you healed because He is the seed of Promise #60 (Genesis 22:18) in the Abrahamic covenant. Read again the Scripture printed above. If God had not honored His name in the healing of the man in Acts 3, only two explanations are open to us concerning why He didn't and why Jesus' name did not work to get him healed.

(1) Jesus was a fake; He was not the prophesied seed of promise #60 in the Abrahamic covenant. (2) God lied to Abraham because He promised that the Abrahamic covenant was a *forever* covenant.

Until either of these two propositions becomes true, the name of Jesus will always work to get you and your loved ones healed, because Jesus is not a fake, and God is not a liar.

In addition, the Abrahamic covenant is now jammed into the territory covered by the authority and power of Jesus name. Consequently, Peter told him *to rise up and walk in Jesus' name because it is your legal right. Since it is contained in a legal document called the Abrahamic covenant, and since your inheritance is based on that document, then your "whole inheritance" includes healing, prosperity, and family well being, in addition to your salvation. All this is contained in your legal document. So get up and walk.* He did!

Let me show you some more. This gets better. Look in Chapter 4 verse 7.

Acts 4:7

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? (KJV)

The critics are still after them. Why is it that the critics rise up and scream when they see God do something. Why is this? When the Holy Ghost gets loose and touches lives and changes them

by mending marriages, healing bodies, and having supernatural manifestations, why do the critics get all bent out of shape? Why is this? They wanted to know by what power or by what name have ye done this?

Look at the two prepositions *by* in verse 7. *By* what power? *By* what name? Do you know what the preposition *by* translates? It's the same Greek preposition EN which still is the equivalent to our English preposition *in*. Therefore, the critics want to know which sphere covered by what power did Peter do this? They want to know what territory, covered by what name, did Peter do this? In other words, they equated power with a name.

The word translated *power* is DUNAMIS from which comes our English word *dynamite*. The critics recognized that things happen within the sphere of some kinds of dynamite, and they wanted to know what dynamite did he use. They wanted to know who or what name gave him the authority to explode that dynamite.

This miracle got these religious critics bent out of shape. This bunch of Pharisees and Sadducees reminds me of some self appointed, big shot leadership in some of our modern, dead churches. When healings happen, they just get beside themselves. They get a bad case of "Religious Control." They want to know, "In the sphere of what dynamite did you explode this business?" Their entire complaint is this; you did not get our permission. Little do they know in their religious ignorance and arrogance, that *no man or woman of God would ever waste precious time asking their permission concerning anything!*

For a refreshing change of scenery look at verse 8, which concerns Peter being filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 4:8

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, (KJV)

There's the key to it. When you get filled with the Spirit of God, things happen. God's Spirit makes all this come together and work for us. There is no dynamite apart from the Spirit of God,

because the Spirit of God is dynamite. It is power. In Acts 1:8, just before Jesus went back to heaven, He told his apostles that they would receive power. Guess what Greek word translates *power* in Acts 1:8? *Dynamite! You shall receive dynamite after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you.* The Holy Ghost came two thousand years ago on the day of Pentecost, and He has been here ever since. Consequently, we have access to this Holy Ghost *dynamite* twenty-four hours a day.

We don't have to ask God to baptize us in the Holy Ghost any more. All we have to do is receive (accept) the baptism that He has already given on the day of Pentecost almost 2000 years ago. The moment you receive (accept) that Pentecostal baptism, you have enough *dynamite power* to blow up your end of town. So they wanted to know *what kind of dynamite he was using.* Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, tells this bunch exactly what happened here.

Acts 4:9-10

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. (KJV)

There are some interesting things in these two verses. First, look at the word *impotent* in verse 9. This translates one Greek word which combines the Greek negative, A, with the Greek word STHENOS which means *strength*. The combination, then, means *no strength*, or *impotent*. This man had negative strength or no strength. His feet and leg bones simply never developed. There is just no strength in them. He had a total absence of strength. So Peter called him *the absence of strength man*, translated *impotent*.

Greek Healing Word # 4

In verse 9, Peter talks about what *means* made him whole. Look at the expression, *made whole* which translates the Greek verb

SODZO. This word is also translated by *save* and *saved* throughout the English New Testament. You must realize that the Greek verb SODZO, translated *to save* and the noun form of the same word, SOTERIA, which means *salvation*, is translated *several* different ways in the English New Testament. All of these translations derive from the two great facts that once a person gets saved, other things are included in it and go with it.

In our verse here, SOTERIA is translated *made whole* because healing comes with salvation. Why? Because it's included in the Abrahamic covenant. When you get saved, you become a child of Abraham and are grafted into the blessing aspect of the Abrahamic covenant. Since salvation encompasses your whole inheritance, they translate that word (SOTERIA) in the New Testament, not only to have *salvation* from hell, but to have *salvation* from disease. It is translated here as *made (physically) whole*.

Greek Healing Word #5

Look at the last word in verse 10. The same word, *whole*, is used here. This is the same English word *whole*, but it is a totally different Greek word. This is not the same Greek word for *whole* that we saw in verse 9 above. This verse employs the Greek word HUGIES from which comes our English word *hygiene*, meaning *healthy because of cleansing*.

When Peter commanded the man to rise up and walk, he suddenly got a case of Holy Ghost hygiene. If there was anything about this guy that was not clean, Jesus' name took care of it. When Peter pronounced the words over him "In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk." he was made clean. It all goes together. Most people don't realize all that goes with salvation. These things (healing, prosperity and family wellness) belong to him. These are his rights. The great reason why many are not healed is they have had their brain filled with negative, condemnation preaching. All their lives they have been led to believe that truly, they are a worm and deserve nothing. That's not the case.

When you become a child of God, you deserve everything and your whole inheritance includes everything. Our whole

inheritance includes healing for our body, and healing for the body will include a case of Holy Ghost steroids and a case of Holy Ghost hygiene. These belong to us. They are ours. We appropriate by faith everything God has for us.

Before we can be healed, we have to know what our rights are. You can't act on something you don't know about. A person cannot act on healing until they become convinced that it is theirs. When we become convinced that it is ours and we act on it, it belongs to us. The greatest problem in praying for the sick is to convince them that it really belongs to them.

You see, we have a tendency not to study the Scriptures for ourselves. Therefore, we don't know that healing does, in fact, belong to us. We don't read the Bible enough and study it enough to know that healing is part and parcel of the Abrahamic covenant and is therefore, part of our very salvation. So, when somebody says, "Brother, healing belongs to you," you will say, "Well, I don't know about that."

So then, we have two different Greek words translated by the same English word *whole*. The word in verse 9 is SODZO, the same word you would use to say that John got saved, but in verse 9, SODZO is also translated *whole*. Obviously in this context, Peter is talking about *physically whole*. However, the word *whole* in verse 10 is the Greek word HUGIES, from which comes our word *hygiene*; meaning health by cleanliness. Now, look at verse 12.

Acts 4:12

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (KJV)

Here, I must disagree with the translators. You will see why and agree with me. Peter says to his critics, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." First, look at the word *salvation*. Neither is there *salvation*. This is the same Greek word SOTERIA that meant *physically whole* in verse 10. Now I believe the translators fowled up in translating this word as *salvation* in verse 12. I believe that the salvation of the soul is not in view here. Why?

Even a superficial reading reveals that all of chapters 3 and 4 pertains to the healing of that man's body. Furthermore, SODZO and SOTERIA are uniformly translated *whole* or *healed* throughout these two chapters. Consequently, in this context, Peter is talking about the man that was *healed*, *not about someone who was just saved*. He has already used SODZO-SOTERIA to say that his body was *made whole* in verse 9.

Now, he is saying, "Neither is there *healing* in any other. Neither is there *physical healing* in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be *healed*." The word I translated *healed* above (SODZO-SOTERIA) is the same Greek word that is translated *whole* in verse 9.

The way the translators did it is certainly true since there is no other name whereby we must be saved, for salvation is in no other. But this is not the context here. We must see that healing goes with the territory of salvation. That's why the same word is used to represent both. Therefore, this verse actually says (in this context), "Neither is there *healing* in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be *healed*."

Look at the word *must*. This is the Greek impersonal verb DEI which means, "Considering the circumstances of a given case, what follows is a logical necessity." In other words, DEI is used when a given set of circumstances forces a sequence of logical events to follow one another. To put it differently, what follows a given set of circumstances is both logical and necessary. Now, since healing is in no other name, then it is logically necessary that we must be healed in the name of Jesus.

The nature of the case is this. There is no other in whom we can have healing. Therefore, it is a logical necessity that we must be healed through Jesus' name if healing is in none other besides Him. If we are going to be healed, it is logically necessary that we be healed through Jesus. This little word *must* is more than the English word *must*. Healing is in Jesus only. When you get a handle on this, it will blow your mind. It is logically necessary, therefore, that we come to Jesus for our healing.

Then in verse 13, the critics, perceiving that Peter and John were

unlearned and ignorant men, marveled because they had been with Jesus and it showed.

Acts 4:13

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. (KJV)

They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. They thought they were ignorant, stupid, and blind, but they knew one thing about them; they were different. They could tell that they had been with Jesus, and that made a difference. They weren't learned men; they didn't have college and seminary degrees; they didn't even have a high school education, but the critics took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:14

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. (KJV)

Look at the word translated *healed* in verse 14. Now here we go again. Are you ready for this one?

Greek Healing Word #6

The word translated *healed* in this verse is the Greek word THERAPEUO, from which comes our English word *therapy* or *therapeutic*. When Peter told the man to rise up and walk, he not only got a case of Holy Ghost *steroids*, he not only got SODZO, the *healing* aspect of *saved*, he not only got IAOMAI which is the Greek word for *physically healed*, he not only got his *whole inheritance*, he not only received a good case of Holy Ghost *hygiene*, he also got a piece of instantaneous, Holy Ghost *therapy*. Right on the spot, God performed some *therapy* on him and he was able to walk as a result of this *therapy*.

To this point, we have seen six different words to describe the healing of this man. Is that not something? Here is Luke the physician who knows all the medical jargon, and he is describing for us in medical terminology what the Holy Ghost did to that

man.

This man got the whole load. He was *healed* with Holy Ghost, instantaneous *therapy*. He was pumped full of Holy Ghost *steroids*. He got the Greek cure IAOMAI. He got his *whole inheritance*. He got a case of Holy Ghost *hygiene*. This man got everything there was and he got it right there on the spot. No wonder he stood up, leaped, jumped, started walking and went into the temple with them. The Bible says he not only began to walk, but he kept on walking. Now, let me show you some more things and I will close this chapter. Look at verses 17 and 18.

Acts 4:17-18

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. (KJV)

All the critics threatened them and told them what they could never do again. They said that you can't be speaking to anybody here any more in this name. You can never again speak at all or teach in the name of Jesus.

Now, I want you to look at the preposition *in* used with both verses 17 and 18. In the Greek text, however, Peter changed prepositions. Although translated with our English *in*, there are two different Greek prepositions used here. The first *in* (verse 17) is the equivalent to our English preposition *in*. But in verse 18, Peter used the Greek preposition EPI. This preposition does not mean *in*, it means *upon*.

The critics told them that they couldn't teach anymore nor speak any more *upon* the name of Jesus. In other words, they couldn't use this name of Jesus any more as a *foundation* for what they did and said.

Do you see the difference? The name of Jesus was the basis of their doctrine. In some churches today, the name of Jesus has never been much more than a cliché, but in the book of Acts it was the foundation *upon* which they taught. The name of Jesus formed the foundation for everything they were saying. They were teaching *upon* that name, using that name and everything

that it represented, as the bed rock for their whole doctrine, teaching and miracle working.

The critics said that they couldn't go around teaching and speaking and preaching any more, using the name of Jesus as the foundation for what they say and do. However, they did not listen to their critics. They knew that in the name of Jesus, that is, in the territory covered by that name, was everything anyone will ever need.

We must learn to speak that name authoritatively. We must learn to attack a problem with the name just like Peter did. He attacked that man's disease and said, "In the name of Jesus. . . rise up and walk." When you learn to speak that name authoritatively, heaven and earth will move to get that name into gear and get things going in your behalf so you can have your whole inheritance. It's not a cliché. All the power of heaven and earth is in that name and those critics saw that. They said that they couldn't teach based upon that name anymore because they (the critics) couldn't handle the fall-out from it. Don't do that anymore!

Then, in so many words, Peter said, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to obey you and men, you figure it out, but we can't help but say what we have seen and heard based on the name of Jesus."

It's all in the name. I hear the songs about the name and they are beautiful. But the name is not a cliché. Most of you have more experience than I do. But I have discovered some things, and I have checked them out in my own experience. The name of Jesus Christ can blow a hole in a brick wall with all the power and the dynamite contained in it. A man filled with the Holy Ghost who attacks a problem with authority, using nothing but the name of Jesus, can destroy that problem. If that problem is a sickness, he can blast it into nothingness, using only the name of Jesus. It's got to go. *No wonder the apostles refused to give in to their critics when they commanded them not to teach anymore, based on that name.*

Finally they got away from their critics. They all got back together and prayed.

Acts 4:29-30

**29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings:
and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness
they may speak thy word,**

**30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal;
and that signs and wonders may be done by the
name of thy holy child Jesus. (KJV)**

Look at the expression ". . . that signs and wonders may be done *by* the name of thy holy child Jesus." We have another, different preposition here. Now we have DIA which means *through*. In this verse, then, this new preposition makes it read thus: ". . . that signs and wonders may be done THROUGH the name of thy holy child Jesus."

We have now had three prepositions; *in*, *upon*, and now *through*. That signs and wonders may be done *through* the name of Jesus Christ your holy child. Do you want a sign and wonder to come into your life? Then, put all three prepositions to it and you will get them.

First, be sure what you need is *within* the sphere or the territory covered by the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus covers certain territory and you can have anything that lies *within* that territory. Secondly, use Jesus' name as the foundation *upon* which you call forth a miracle. Thirdly, when you call forth your miracle, the miracle will come *through* the instrument of His name being spoken over the territory that it covers. In this particular case, the miracle was the healing of this man who had muscles and bones that had turned to mush. Peter, within the sphere covered *in* Jesus' name, spoke words based *upon* the name of Jesus, and the miracle came *through* the name of Jesus. Consequently, the man got up and walked. Healing belongs to you *in*, *upon*, and *through* the name of Jesus.

"Well, now, everybody knows that passed away with the apostles." That's a farce. You don't need to know enough Greek to cover the point of a pen to blow out that silly argument. Healing belongs to us now. The proof is in the pudding. We have seen it happen. You don't have to believe what you see. It is just there.

Our whole Abrahamic inheritance includes healing for our body.

It belongs to every Christian reading this page. It belongs to every last one of us.

Chapter Nine

What Really Happens When Hands Are Laid On The Sick? How You Can Do It and Be Healed By It Now

Many of us were brought up believing that the laying on of hands is just a ritual. But there is a lot more to it in Scripture than that. The laying on of hands was used in the Old Testament. In the New Testament Jesus used it. He also authorized us to do it. He said there are some things we will be able to do by the laying on of hands. In Mark 16:18, Jesus said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

(KJV)

Well, who are *they*? Jesus said in verse 18 above that *they* are "them that believe." These signs shall follow them that believe. And then, He lists some signs that will follow us believers. When you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then you are included in this passage of Scripture. The Bible says that believers shall have these signs follow them. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

This is The Real and The Actual, Not Potential

I want you to look at this series of *shalls*. Look in verse 17. These signs *shall* follow. Furthermore verse 18 says, "They *shall* lay hands on. . .and they *shall* recover." I want you to see all these *shalls*. They are in the Greek future indicative mood. Everybody knows that a future statement describes something that will happen in the future. But not everybody understands the function of a Greek indicative. The Greek indicative is the mood

of reality. It states what will actually come to pass. It states what will actually take place.

In our case here, had there been some doubt about the recovery, had the recovery not been certain, Jesus could have used the subjunctive mood which declares what is just potential or probable. However, He used the mood of certainty, the indicative, and said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." By using the indicative, Jesus meant that *they really will recover*. There are no *ifs*, *ands* or *buts* about it. There are no *maybes* or *let's try and see what we can do*. He said that they *shall* recover in the indicative and that is exactly what He meant. He was speaking about what will (of a certainty) become *real* to them that believe--what was actually, really going to be.

Since He used the indicative mood in verse 18 and said, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," the recovery of the one who has hands laid on him is a *certainty*. You may read a *maybe* in here, but I don't. Neither did Jesus. Neither did the Greek text. The indicative mood means it *really will* happen. "They shall recover," leaves nothing to chance. Jesus left nothing up in the air. He made a statement of fact that is really going to be. "They shall recover," does not mean *maybe*. He did not say that they *might recover*, but that they *shall* recover. The indicative declares the recovery is certain.

So what do we have here? The laying on of hands is to be used in the recovery of illness. "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," Jesus said. Therefore when I lay hands on somebody, I absolutely expect that person to get well because Jesus said, "They shall recover."

It May Be a Process Rather Than Instantaneous

Their recovery may be instantaneous or it may be a process. It may take a few minutes or it may take a day, or even a month, but the point is they *shall* recover. They *shall* recover. Sometimes their healing occurs right then. Sometimes a person will have hands laid on them, the prayer of faith will be prayed over them, the demons are cast out and the sickness demanded to go, and that person actually recovers right on the spot. Or they may not recover on the spot. This does not mean, however, that

the healing is not going on and that the power of God is not taking over. God's Word is set in concrete and there is nothing that can change it for they shall recover when hands are laid on them. Why? We have been given both power and authority over all the demons and all the diseases. There is not one sickness that we don't have authority over. There is not one demon that we don't have authority over.

In a service one night, I asked if anyone needed to be healed of anything. A girl named Kim came down the aisle and said, "I need to be prayed for because my back hurts and I have diabetes. It costs several dollars per month for insulin." We prayed for her and she went down under the power. She got up after the service was over. She hugged my neck and said, "My back popped and my pain is gone." On the way home that night, the Holy Ghost said to me, "Her diabetes has been healed."

She didn't know that yet. But the Holy Ghost kept saying, "God has healed her diabetes." He also was telling me to keep on preaching on healing. He said, "I am putting healing in this church right now." Then, we got the report a few days later that Kim hasn't required any more insulin since that Wednesday night service. So, the Holy Ghost said, "I want you to start laying hands on people. You are going to see healings as a result of laying hands on people." Consequently, I have seen many people healed.

There was a lady sitting in my service one morning who said she had a bad sinus infection. While I was praying for other people in the healing line, her sinuses cleared. You see, God is in the healing business, and one of his Healing Delivery Vehicles is the laying on of hands.

What Actually Happens When Hands Are Laid On The Sick?

The power of God is actually transmitted from the hands of the one praying in faith to the one that needs it. Many times, they feel that. I have had people tell me that they could feel the transfer of power while I was laying hands on them. Other times, they didn't feel anything, but the results came later. I have had people say that my hands were hot like fire; they felt like coals of fire touching their skin.

The power of God is transmitted from the person laying on hands to the one that needs it. Don't ask me to explain this. I can't. But I don't have to understand everything I preach. If I could understand everything there is about God, He wouldn't be much of a God would He?

I don't care how smart you or I might be, if we could capsule and analyze and understand everything about God and His ways, He really wouldn't be too much of a God, brought down on our level where we had a perfect understanding. I don't have to understand. I just need to act on what He says in His Word.

This is how I got saved. I ran across a Scripture that said, "Lean not unto thine own understanding, but trust in the Lord thy God with all thine heart," Proverbs 3:5. That was the key to what I had been looking for. I quit trying to understand and started trusting and less than three days later, I got saved in the late hours of the night in my home. I don't have to understand. Neither do you have to understand everything.

I don't understand everything about the laying on of hands, but the Bible says, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." I like the part about "they shall recover," because my part is just the laying on of hands. That's easy. I don't heal them. You don't heal them. The Holy Ghost heals them when we obey by the laying of hands on them in faith. The Bible says that they shall recover.

I laid hands on a girl that had a cancer. Through the rain and the cold, I went to see her three days a week for weeks. There were only a few people who had this type of cancer and lived. It was so deadly. I taught her what her rights were as a Christian. We worked all the teaching out of her mind that we should pray, "If it be thy will, dear God, please heal me." I showed her what the Bible said about healing. She saw for herself that the Bible really says that it is the will of God for His child to be healed. She saw that. She acted on it. Guess what? That woman is healed today, but her healing occurred many years ago.

The Transference of Power

They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. There is

a transference of power that leaves the one praying the prayer of faith and goes into the body of the one that needs it, and things happen. "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." This is demonstrated throughout the New Testament, especially the book of Acts. Look at Acts 5:12.

Acts 5:12

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. (KJV)

What Jesus said was simply carried out in the book of Acts. There is absolutely no reason in the world why every church cannot to be conducted just like they conducted it in the book of Acts. If I have a choice between the modern spirals, staircases and steeples and the raw power of God as presented in the book of Acts, you know which choice I will make. I will go with the book of Acts.

I don't care about man's ways, structures and bureaucracies. I am sick and tired of that. I want the real thing and I have found it. The book of Acts is still running right now and I am right in the center of it. That is where I want to stay. I would rather be in the book of Acts than any other place in this world. I want the raw power of God more than I want anything else.

I believed in the Holy Ghost so strongly, even when I was in the denomination, that I underlined every verse in the New Testament where the term "spirit" or "ghost" was used. I underlined them in a bright yellow. I went through my New Testament and learned everything that it said about the Holy Ghost. I said, "Bless God this is for me. How can I get it?" And the Spirit of God just said to me, "Start acting on it. You don't have to get it. You already have it. Just act it out." I did, and things began to happen.

I had healing services in the denominational church. It just turned some of them wrong side out. I said, "Well, I am going where I can have a healing service and it doesn't bend everybody out of shape. Some people are grateful to God that He still heals. I don't want to be around people who get all fouled up if somebody gets miraculously healed."

This reminds me of the man who got healed at the Beautiful gate of the temple. After his healing, he went into the synagogue and told the Pharisees about it. They went ballistic because he didn't get their permission to be healed. Do you know what the Bible says they did? They didn't rejoice about it. The Bible says they cast him out. They threw the guy out because he got healed by the power of God! Can you believe that? This nonsense has been with us down through the centuries. But enough of it! We need to get loose! We must be where God and His power is operating and we can see God do things. "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" happens all through the book of Acts.

Look again at verse 12 in Acts chapter 5. It says that signs and wonders were wrought by the hands of the apostles. By the what? By the nose? By the ear? By the knee? It says, "By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonder wrought among the people." Well, look here. It says, "By the hands...."

This Power Has Been Transferred and Delegated To Us

But somebody says, "Well, that was just for the apostles; that doesn't apply to us." It is true that God gave the twelve apostles power and authority in Matthew 10:1.

Matt 10:1

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

(KJV)

But in Luke 10:19, He gave seventy more the same identical power and authority that he gave the twelve and they were not apostles.

Luke 10:1

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. (KJV)

Luke 10:9

9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. (KJV)

Then, that same power and authority was transferred to us.

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)

Do you know how I know it was transferred to us? Because many of us lay hands on the sick and watch them recover. It's just that simple.

Who shall? Believers. These signs shall follow them that believe. I believe. Therefore, the signs must follow me. Here's the great mistake you make. You look for the signs and follow the signs. That's the great mistake about charismatic people. They will hear about a sign somewhere and take off to chase it down and see it. But you ought to have them following you. You don't have to hunt somebody else's signs.

Just start acting on the Word of God and look behind you. The signs will follow you. So great wonders were wrought at the hands of the apostles. Why did He use the word, "hands"? Because these signs shall follow them that lay on *hands*. They shall lay on *brick bats*? No. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

What Faith Is and How It Works in Healing

Faith is information we get from God for us to act upon. Believing is acting on that information. In this chapter, the information says, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." That is our information. When I act on it, I lay on hands. That's believing. When you believe, you act. In this case, you lay hands on the sick. Now it is out of your hands. It is in the hands of God. "They shall recover" is God's part. But guess what? They will recover. Now, look at Acts 9:12. This describes the conversion of the Apostle Paul.

Acts 9:10-12

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. (KJV)

Paul was the greatest preacher and apostle that ever lived, yet here is another man named Ananias that nobody ever heard of before or since. God told this unknown man to go lay hands on the one who would become the Apostle Paul. Lay what?

Lay what? There's something about the laying on of hands; I don't know what it is. I don't have to know what it is; but I must obey it; I must do it. When I lay hands on people, things start happening, supernaturally, that is totally out of my control. I have nothing to do with it. I just lay hands on, get out of the way, and let God move.

Results From a Man No Ever Heard Of Before

So here is a man named Ananias. The Bible refers to him as a *certain* disciple. He was not an apostle; he is low on the totem pole. In English, the expression *certain* disciple makes him look important. But in Greek, the expression *certain* disciple describes a disciple who is insignificant, just a little guy. Ananias, then, is just a little guy.

Do you know what the word *disciple* means? It's the Greek word, MATHATAS, from which comes our English word, *mathematics*. In Greek, it simply means *learner*. In other words, here is a fellow who is just learning about the things of Christ. We, too, are *disciples*. We, too, are just learning. This guy was a *learner*. He was a MATHATAS, a *disciple*, a *learner*. He hadn't graduated yet. He was still learning.

He was in Damascus when the Lord spoke to him in a vision. He said unto him, "Arise and go into the street which is called Straight and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of

Tarsus for behold he prayeth. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him."

Putting his what? His what? His hand--that he might receive his sight. There is something about the laying on of hands. We have been authorized to lay hands on people. We have been told that when we lay hands on people, things will happen. One thing that happens is they are going to recover from their sickness.

Here is this little learner, commissioned of God, to lay hands on the Apostle Paul, who became the greatest Christian that ever drew a breath and who changed the face of this planet for the cause of Christ. This little learner must lay what on him? There is something about the laying on of hands, and we have been authorized to do it. Jesus did it when he healed the sick and when He blessed little children. He also said that those who believe shall lay hands on the sick (indicative mood, the mood of reality, that which really will be), and the sick shall recover. When we understand what the Bible says, is it any wonder that we fully expect healing to occur? They shall recover. They shall lay hands on the sick. They shall recover.

The Baptism in The Holy Ghost Is Transmitted Through The Laying On of Hands

Through the laying on of hands, you can transmit the baptism in the Holy Ghost. I don't understand all about this either. But through the laying on of hands some people are baptized in the Holy Ghost. Notice verse 17 below.

Acts 9:17

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

"Filled with the Holy Ghost," in this context, is a synonym for being "baptized in the Holy Ghost." They mean one and the same thing." And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales and he received sight and arose and was baptized." Ananias laid hands on Paul who received his sight and received the baptism in the Holy Ghost right there. He was filled with the

Spirit of God. He was baptized in the Holy Ghost right there. Through what? Through the laying on of hands.

We have to understand some terms. When we get saved, we have the Holy Ghost dwelling in us. But for many of us, He's more a "holy it" than a Holy Ghost. We must recognize that the Holy Ghost is a person. He is the third person of the God-Head just like Jesus is the second person. We know what we mean when we say that we receive Jesus, the second person of the God head, as our savior.

We understand that. That is something we do. We deliberately receive (accept) Jesus. We accept Him as the person He claims to be, the Son of God. He died for our sins and God raised Him from the dead to prove it. Therefore, He becomes our substitute and we consent to that and receive Him and what He did. It is an act of our will. We receive Jesus as our savior.

This also applies to receiving the Holy Ghost. We have to receive the third person of the God Head in the same way we receive the second person. It is a fact that when you get saved and receive Jesus, the Holy Ghost does come in and live there forever. He never leaves. But unfortunately, many Christians never receive Him as a person and He is stuck in the foyer, as it were. We have to receive Him out of the foyer into the balance of our house as the third person of the God-Head.

We have to literally talk to Him like we talk to Jesus. We must say, "Dear Holy Ghost, I recognize that You are the third person of the God Head just like Jesus is the second person. I know You are in here, but You have been stuck in the foyer because I haven't let You take over. I am receiving You now, Spirit of God, as a person to come in and live the life of Christ totally in me." That is receiving the baptism in the Holy Ghost. That's the terminology. That is what happens when you lay on hands. For more proof of this, see the case of Philip below.

Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

Philip had gone to Samaria and preached. When the apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John.

Now keep in mind, these people in Samaria had already been saved. The apostles heard about it and sent Peter and John down there to check out Philip's new converts. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Now look at this. These Samaritans are as saved as anybody reading this page, but Peter and John went down there to pray for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

Many of us were taught that when we get saved the Holy Ghost comes in and we already have Him. Why, then, the reasoning goes, do we have to pray that we receive Him? Because that's what they had to do and that's what we also have to do. Just because the Holy Ghost is in you, doesn't mean that you have received Him.

Let me illustrate this. I did a wedding in a house that had a foyer larger than the house I lived in. The butler met me at the door. I walked into this huge house. The floors were made of marble. The butler stopped me just inside the foyer. He said, "I will see if the lady of the house will receive you now." Well, he turned and walked away, leaving me standing there.

Here I am, standing just inside the foyer. I am the preacher. I am the most important guy there. I am more important than the bride, because she can't get married without me. The butler's words, "I will see if she will receive you now," are ringing in my ears, and I am saying to myself that they better receive me or there will be no wedding today!

After what seemed like an eternity, the butler returned with the Madame and her husband, and they received me royally. They gave me the red carpet treatment. They took me throughout the

house, and gave me the total run of it. They said, "Anything you need, you just tell us and we'll do it." They received me.

When you get saved, you have as much of the Holy Ghost as there is. But His power will not manifest until you receive Him. When you perform the deliberate act of faith, using your will, you actually, actively receive Him just like you received Jesus. He takes over inside your heart (house). This is what it means when our verse above says they went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

Philip didn't explain the full gospel to them. But, these people were as saved as anybody. *After they were saved*, Peter and John went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. He was not yet fallen upon them, only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then, they laid their hands on them. Their what? They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost. Things happen when you lay hands on people in the name of Jesus.

So we see two things here. People are healed through the laying on of hands and people receive the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands. Things happen when you lay on hands.

Special Christians Not Required To Lay Hands On The Sick, Just Ordinary Ones

The Bible says in Mark 16 that these signs shall follow them that believe. Them that, what? Them that believe. Them that are big shots, stiff necks, stuffed shirts that believe? Those who have the laundries put so much starch in their shorts they can't sit down? That type? No, anybody that believes. Do you believe? Now what does it say? These signs shall follow them that believe. Period. Do you believe? Then the only thing you must do to get signs following you is start laying on hands, for things happen when you lay hands on people in the name of Jesus.

So what are we going to do? We are going to lay on hands. I hunt excuses to lay hands on somebody. There is something that happens when you lay hands on people. Signs and wonders follow them that believe by laying hands on people.

The Bible says you don't have to run across town hunting signs and wonders. Start laying your hands on people and you will get your own signs and wonders following you. You will have your own built-in show right there. Just lay hands on and look behind you. The signs and wonders will follow you also. I prayed for a lady one morning. After the service, she said to me, "You prayed for my sinuses, but my neck got healed, and I can see now." She took her glasses off. Another lady sitting beside her said, "You were praying for somebody else's sinuses and my sinuses got healed too. They are as clear as a bell." And she went ssssssssssss to prove it. Things happen when you lay hands on folk.

Just start. Go for it. You will be surprised. There will be signs and wonders following you. Look behind you. Signs are on their way. Jesus said that these signs and wonders shall follow them that believe. Do you believe?

Chapter Ten

How To Activate Healing For Yourself and Your Loved Ones Now

The book of Acts is still being written, not with pen and ink, but with lives because it has never closed. It will not close until the Lord comes back again. It is still running. We are still doing what they did. I was taught that it was over and that we are just care-takers of what is contained in it, but that is not the case at all. It is not over; it is still running full bore and the most exciting place to be is acting out some of it. Now look at verse 3 in Acts 14. Paul and his cohorts are in the city of Iconium.

Acts 14:3

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. (KJV)

The Bible says that they were speaking boldly in the Lord. That's the only way you can speak and draw any attention. If you come on like "Casper Milktoast" or some silly, limp-wristed wimp, nobody will ever pay any attention to anything you say.

Speak Boldly

If you know who you are and what belongs to you, and you speak out with real conviction from your deep, innermost spirit being, you will draw the attention of everybody that hears you, whether or not they agree with you. If you speak with conviction, they will listen to what you have to say. They may declare, "I don't agree with the words that you say, but I'm convinced that you believe what you are saying."

I've had a lot of people over the years disagree with me on some of the things I've said, but nobody has ever come to me and said "You're a hypocrite because you yourself don't believe what you're saying." Nobody has ever said that to me. I've had many things said to me, but nobody has ever made that statement to

me or about me, that I know of, for one simple reason; if I believe it enough to say it, I say it so everybody knows I that mean what I say and that I believe it.

That's what this little city was up against in the persons of Paul and Barnabas. They were preaching and speaking boldly in the Lord. Not only did they have the attention of that city, they also had the attention of God because God hears you when you speak his Word with boldness.

The Bible says that they spoke boldly in the Lord. Then the next phrase says, "The Lord gave testimony unto the Word of His grace." What "Word of His Grace?" He gave testimony to that part of His own Word that they were speaking boldly. They were not there reciting the Gettysburg Address; they were not there quoting the latest article in the latest issue of Readers Digest; they were not there quoting The Saturday Evening Post nor The Houston Chronicle. They were there speaking boldly (in the Lord) the Word of the Lord.

God Confirms What You Boldly Speak

As those guys went up and down preaching the Word, the Bible says that God confirmed the Word which they preached with signs following. God confirms His own Word when it is spoken boldly by you. If you want people to be saved, then preach salvation and God confirms that aspect of His Word because that's the Word you spoke that day. If you want people to be healed, then preach healing and God confirms that aspect of His Word. He confirms it by getting people healed. If you want people filled with the Holy Ghost, you preach on the subject "being filled with the Holy Ghost," and God fills people with the Holy Ghost, because God supernaturally confirms what you say, as long as what you say is what He has written.

They were preaching grace and people started getting saved. They could have preached on healing, being filled with the Holy Ghost or tithing, but they were preaching that day from the Word of God on the subject of grace, and since they preached on grace, people walked into the Grace of God and got saved. When you face a need, find the answer to it in the Word of God

and speak it boldly in the face of your adverse circumstance, even when that circumstance contradicts what the Word of God says on the written page. Say it with boldness. God confirms the Word that you speak boldly by changing the circumstance to fit the Word that you speak boldly. God confirms His Word spoken boldly when it comes from lips of faith. God does not confirm the words of the Saturday Evening Post, the Houston Chronicle, the Reader's Digest or what Brother So and So says about the Word. He confirms His Word spoken boldly.

Nervous Nellies and Casper Milktoasts Get Nothing

The "Nervous Nellies" and the "Casper Milktoasts" never will get anything from God. There is no power in them. God confirms what you say when you are so filled with the Word of God that you dare, that you have the audacity, and if necessary, you are willing to suffer the embarrassment, to look right straight in the face of an adversity and speak boldly the Word of God to that adversity. God will confirm the Word that you speak boldly. If you act like you don't believe it yourself, and you just whisper it, you won't get God's attention or the circumstance's attention or the attention of other people.

But when you go at it like gang-busters, willing to charge hell with a squirt gun, and you boldly speak the Word of God to things that nothing but God's power can move and change and redirect, your bold Word gets the attention of Heaven. Then Heaven instructs the Holy Ghost to force that which you command, to line up with the Word of God spoken boldly right out of your mouth.

Speak Boldly To Your Circumstances and Force Them To Change

Now the above discussion says this to me:

- (1) I find a Word of God that answers to my circumstance
 - (2) I turn on that circumstance with a vengeance
 - (3) I boldly speak that Word to the adverse circumstance I face
 - (4) I stomp my foot at it as I boldly speak out to it
 - (5) I say, "Mountain, be thou removed and dumped into the sea"
 - (6) God confirms His Word boldly spoken from my mouth
- When God gives testimony to His Word, He does so by granting

that signs and wonders be done by your hand, just as He did to theirs. God honors His Word by confirming it and bearing witness to it. He gives testimony to it by making it happen. That requires no less a sign and wonder today than it did when Paul, Barnabas, Peter and John were doing it. They had nothing but the spoken Word of God coupled and linked to the name of Jesus.

"Would that not require me to speak a lie?" I've heard that over and over and over. "If I am sick, and the Word of God says that by His stripes I am healed, and I say I am healed when I'm really sick with a 103 degree fever-I have lied. If the Word of God says that by His stripes I am healed, and if I begin to say I am healed when I'm still sick, isn't that going to be a lie?"

No!

Why?

It's not a matter of one or the other being true. *They are both true*. It is true that I am sick. But it is also true that by His stripes I am healed.

Then how can I deal with this? I have two things that are true, but they contradict each other.

Which One Has Power Enough To Force The Other To Change?

It is not a matter of one or the other being true and the other being false. They're both true, but the question is *which one is the most powerful*, the Truth of the Word of God or the truth of that disease? They're both true but you must pick the most powerful truth and go with that one. Because the most powerful truth drives the other, weaker truth from the field. Now can that disease change the Word of God?

No.

But can the Word of God change that disease?

Yes!

So which way am I going here? It's not a matter of quoting a lie, for when you recognize you are sick, that's the truth, but "By His stripes I am healed," is also the Truth. You must decide which one has more punch per pound. That's the way you go, for the one you boldly speak is the one that will gain the upper hand. I personally intend to go with God, because the Bible says they went up and down the land, boldly speaking the Word of God, and God confirmed the Word with signs following. He has done it for me, He has done it for you. He will keep on doing it for me and He will keep on doing it for you.

So, you must determine which one you will go with. They're both true. "I am sick, but by His stripes I am also healed." Now which one has the power to change the other? That's your decision. So then, it is not a matter of speaking Scripture which contradicts reality, and therefore telling a lie. It is a matter of choosing which one has the punch to change the other. You can be sick until you turn blue in the face but that is not going to change the Word of God one bit. But the Word of God, boldly spoken, can change that sickness 180 degrees.

That's the way we must determine where we are going. When we make our choice and take our stand, when we boldly confess the Word of God, whatever aspect of the Word of His grace we boldly speak at that moment, that's what the Holy Ghost confirms. God, with His spoken Word in your mouth, changes and overpowers circumstances, forcing them to line up with His Word. So the question is, which way are you going?

Personally, I've not experienced as much as many other people. Many of you in the Spirit-filled life, and the signs and wonders aspect of the Christian walk, are way up on the totem pole, whereas I am still somewhere near the bottom. But I have experienced enough in my life to know that I like the signs and wonders business. I just like it! And I know enough about it and I have experienced enough to know that I can change anything when I can find an appropriate Scripture and boldly speak it out.

I recently heard a preacher on TV make the statement, "You must confess it even before it happens; you must confess it!" I sat there saying, "Brother, how true that is." You must learn to

Speak right in the face of circumstances that seem to be the exact opposite of what God's Word says. You have to face that circumstance and speak the Word boldly, because it is the spoken Word that changes the circumstance. Sometimes prayer is an exercise in futility, because sometimes God wants you to quit praying and start attacking the problem by boldly speaking His Word to it.

It's Your Choice, It's Up To You

It is a matter of choice. It is a matter of determining which way will I go here? Which way will I choose? Which speech will I make?

"Woe is me. I'm overpowered, I'm so sick, I will never pull out of this. Medical science has given up on me. There is no hope. I have had it! I know the Bible says that by His stripes I am healed. I know the Bible says that they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. I know all that but, nonetheless, I have had it. I'm doomed, I'm damned, I'm sick. They have thrown in the towel on my case. I have been given up". That's one choice. And if that's your choice, that is what you're going to talk; and if that is what you're going to talk, that's what you will get.

But if I choose to go the other way I will reason thus, "I know I am sick; it's terminal. I've been given up; they have thrown in the towel on my case. I only have a month to live. But I also know something more powerful than the reasoning above, the Word of God that says, By his stripes I am healed. Therefore, I will cast my lot on the side of that old ship Zion, and I will sail that ship. I will say out loud, right in the face of my disease, 'By his stripes I am healed.' I will stomp my foot at it and dare it to remain in me, because the Word of God says, By his stripes I am healed. They have laid hands on me and consequently I am recovering. No power on this earth, this disease or otherwise, has the power to overwhelm and snuff out the Word of God when it is boldly spoken to a sickness. Die at the roots and get out of my body, sickness, in the Name of Jesus!"

When you turn on that disease and boldly speak to it, when you keep your feet to the fire, throw your flesh right into the middle of

the briars and endure the scratches, and hang in there with your confession, God will give testimony to His Word of grace about your healing. God will confirm your positive confession as you boldly speak the Word of God. He will confirm that Word with signs following, and those signs will include your total deliverance from that debilitating disease. That is how it is done. You must boldly speak the Word of God right in the face of your disease.

Many people won't boldly speak it out because they are scared they will be embarrassed. We must not care who we embarrass, and nobody must be able to embarrass us. There is more power in the Word of God than there is in all kinds of peer pressure. We must not give a rip what anybody thinks about us one way or the other. We must speak out the Word of God if it harelips the devil and all the people who know us. I will boldly say, "I know whom I have believed. I know that I have committed unto Him that which He is able to keep against that day." I will say that. I will shout it from the highest rooftop. It doesn't matter to me who doesn't like it. It doesn't matter to me who might get embarrassed. God confirms a boldly spoken Word, and He does it with signs and wonders following. I challenge any man to show me where the book of Acts has ever been closed. I know it is not closed because every week I myself write a brand new chapter to it. Hallelujah!

It's a matter of choosing which one has the power. If you think that the disease has more power than the Word of God, then you're going to fold up your tent and go with your disease. That one choice will take you down the tubes. But if you become convinced that the Word of God has more power than your disease, you will talk the Word of God. You will speak to that disease like it was a person and say, "You little punk! In the name of Jesus, die at the roots and come out of my body, for by His stripes I am healed!"

Speak Boldly To A Financial Need

Do you need money? Let me tell you how to deal with that. Be sure you are tithing and giving offerings to make every good work rich. There is a money stream that God sends flowing to everybody. If it is not coming to you, the enemy has shut off the

faucet somewhere between God in Heaven and you down here. God said, "I will open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing so big you can't receive it." Your money flow leaves the windows of Heaven and goes right to your house. If it's not coming through, the devil has shut off a spigot somewhere in the pipeline between Heaven and your home. What you must do is boldly speak to the devil. Say, "Back off my pipeline! In the name of Jesus, open up that spigot and get out of the way because you are blocking my money flow from God. Turn my money flow loose and let the money flow in!" And when you get serious about that, God will shove that money right down the pipeline, and the devil has to open up the spigot and get his hands off that money flow. Here it comes in a torrent.

So which way has the most power? You can be overwhelmed by your circumstances or you can overwhelm them with the Word of God, but only if you're convinced that God's Word has more punch than the circumstances themselves. We just naturally gravitate toward strength. When I'm convinced that the Word of God has more power than my circumstance, I'm going where the strength lies. Once I know where the strength lies, I'm going to talk it.

When I'm convinced that the Word of God has the upper hand over my circumstances, I will choose His Word. You simply have to ask, "Which one has the power to subdue the other?" If you believe the circumstance can nullify the Word of God, you're going to pay all your attention and homage to it. You will bow down on your knees to that circumstance and beg it for mercy. When you are convinced, however, that the Word of God, boldly spoken, draws the power of God right out of Heaven and right into your life and produces the sign and wonder necessary to change your adverse circumstance, that's the way you will go. So, I'm asking you today, which way will you line up? Which way will you go? If you choose to go down with that old ship Zion, you'll find that old ship won't go down at all!

Decades ago, they spoke about an unsinkable ship called the Titanic but it sunk to the bottom of the ocean the first time it went out. I'm talking about a ship that has been on the seas for thousands of years and hasn't gone down yet! The old ship of Zion has been attacked and assailed far greater than the Titanic,

but it won't sink, it won't go down! You don't have to worry about that. You can say, "I cast my all right here; I'll go down with this ship." However, that ship won't go down.

If you put your anchors in the circumstance, it will drag you right into the grave, into the poor house, break up your home and wreck your health. It'll do all that. But the old ship Zion will never go down! You can't find a storm that it can't ride out safely.

Noah's Ark was some kind of boat. Those flood waves could have been whipping around this earth at one hundred miles an hour, but the way that ark was designed wouldn't let it sink. It couldn't even capsize. If you think that was some kind of a boat, even Noah's Ark is nothing compared to the old ship Zion. It's been on the water a whole lot longer than one hundred fifty days and it hasn't gone down yet. You can't capsize it. You get on that boat and you can tell the circumstances to get out of your face, and they'll have to do it.

I don't care what you need, find a promise in the Word of God and anchor yourself to it. Start speaking it right in the face of that circumstance. If you're convinced that the Word of God has the power to upset that circumstance, then attack the problem with a vengeance with the spoken Word boldly coming out of your mouth. Say, "In the name of Jesus, by His stripes I am healed. Disease! Die at the roots and get out of my body, in Jesus' name!" That disease will capitulate; it has to. When the Word of God is coupled with the name of Jesus, every disease must capitulate. It has to! That's the way you must go.

Which way will you go? Which side will you take? What choice will you make? What, in your estimation, has the most power, the Word of God or the circumstance? Now you must make a choice. You can keep on the way you are going and just stay overwhelmed, or you can get in the old ship Zion and nothing can sink you. No storm--nothing--can come up against that ship and put it under. If you're on something that can't go under, then you can't go under. What is your choice today? Which way will you decide?

Walk In The Flesh or Walk In The Spirit

Do you know what walking in the Spirit is? In Romans, Paul teaches us that it's possible for a Christian to walk after the Spirit or to walk after the flesh. The Christian who walks after the flesh lives just like a lost man. He calculates his way with his own natural wit and ability. He plans his own thing and does his own thing, and then asks God to bless the mess he made. But a Christian who walks after the Spirit is a person who seeks the mind of God first, before he makes a move, and then he does exactly what God reveals to him to do. That's walking in the Spirit.

You can deal with circumstances by walking after the Spirit or by walking after the flesh. If you walk after the Spirit, you find the Word and mind of God concerning that circumstance. You determine what God says you need to do to deal with it, and then you do it. That's walking in the Spirit.

Or, you can walk in the flesh, Christian. That means dealing with your circumstances the same way as the average guy in the street. He doesn't get the mind of God on anything. He does what he thinks is needful and then asks God to bless his decision and his actions based on that decision. God, however, is not obligated to bless human choices and actions.

I will show you something here about walking in the Spirit. The Bible says, "God gave testimony to the Word of His grace with signs and wonders following." Other Scriptures say, "God confirmed the Word preached with signs and wonders following." Mark says, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Choosing to boldly speak God's Word to your circumstances is walking in the Spirit. The Spirit of God has more power than anything your human wits can devise.

God's Word is a spiritual force that activates itself in your life as you boldly speak it right in the face of a circumstance. Walking in the Spirit is making a choice between human ability and solving a problem God's way. Which do I believe has the most power, the spoken Word of God or the circumstance? Which one has the power to overwhelm the other? What you decide determines whether you walk in the Spirit or walk in the flesh. Which way will you go?

You have a choice. You can choose to deal with your

circumstances with your own abilities and wits, or you can choose to turn the Word of God on the circumstance by boldly speaking it. Which one has the power to overwhelm the other? Get on the old ship Zion. Nothing can overwhelm it or sink it.

Finally, once you get in the war against your disease, stay with it. Do not quit after three minutes. The first one to quit -loses. Use the Name of Jesus until you are healed. You may fight it a day , a week or a month. So what? You will win if you hang in there and keep on keeping on. Stay the course until your healing comes. Many are not healed because they give up. They do not persevere. The saying that if someone is not healed after one prayer they must have sin in their life or they have no faith is nonsense. Stay the course and you will be victorious.