

Jesus paid for our healing

“Surely He has borne our griefs. And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

1. Healing in Christ’s Atonement (Isaiah 53:4-5)

- a. Unique dimension of the Jesus’ ministry: (1) preaching; (2) healing; (3) casting out demons. Jesus’ mission was to save mankind from sin, sickness, demons (Matt 8:17). ‘Yeshua’ = ‘Salvation’ from sins, sickness, demons.
- b. Jesus commissioned 12 apostles & later 70 disciples to do the same: (1) Preach; (2) heal; (3) Cast out demons. (Matt 10:1, 7-8 c.f. Luke 10:1-18).
- c. Jesus’ ministry completed by His atonement: **Isaiah 53:4-5**.
“[Christ] Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripe you were healed.” (1 Pet 2:4)
- d. Invitation to the NT “believers” to do the same & even more! (Mark 16:17-18 C.f. John 14:12). i.e. ‘The church is God’s vehicle to minister healing to the nations.’ Then what’s happening? Link = “Faith”
- e. Two primary ways of releasing healing faith: (1) gifts of the Spirit; (2) personal application of faith.

2. Healing through the Gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor 12:7-11)

- a. 3 Main Branches of the gifts of the Spirit:
 - (1) Revelation = words of knowledge, words of wisdom, discerning spirits
 - (2) Vocal = tongues, interpretation, prophecy
 - (3) Power = healings, miracles (power), faith.
- b. Gifts of faith & healing operating in Smith Wigglesworth: (1) punching out the tumor; (2) tossing a lame boy off stage; (3) declaring ‘guaranteed healing’ prior to prayer to first 3 who respond to invitation. They say he ‘never missed’ it!
- c. Jesus’ parable of withered fig tree: “Have faith in God.” = lit. “Have faith of God.” (Mark 11:22-23). i.e. a portion of God’s faith was given to a believer for a specific purpose. This gift is always under God’s control. When ‘faith of God’ is concerned, it is not the size, but the quality of faith that matters.

A ‘size of mustard seed’ is enough to move the mountains! (Matt 17:20-21). This kind goes out by ‘prayer & fasting’!

- d. It is scriptural to pray for these kinds of gifts to operate in church (Acts 4:29-30 c.f. 9:11). The early church’s assumption = healing to operate within church (c.f. Gal 3:5).
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- a. **‘Faith’ as a fruit** = essentially rooted in character here: ‘faithfulness’, ‘trust’, ‘trustworthiness.’ Hence, it is a ‘growing faith’ rather than ‘instantaneously imparted faith’. *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (Lit. ‘faith’ = Gk. ‘pistis’), gentleness, self-control.” (Gal 5:22-23)*
 - b. **“Faith Comes...”** (Rom 10:17). How? Through hearing the words of Christ. i.e. Spoken word (‘Rhema’) rather than written word (‘logos’). It is the word that God speaks to us because of our ‘trust-love-relationship’ with Him. Faith doesn’t come by casual reading of the Bible. It comes through hearing the voice of God via the Holy Spirit. – i.e. ‘fellowship with the Spirit through the Word.’
 - c. All kinds of faith so very precious to God. They are more precious than fine gold (1 Pet 1:7). Jesus never rebuked anyone for having too much faith! *“Why did you doubt (half way through)?” (Matt 14:31)* Not “Why did you dare to step out of the boat?” Jesus knew that Peter would betray Him, but He prayed that Peter’s faith would not fail him. (Luke 22:31)
 - d. Relationship between hearing & healing: *“If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God...For I am the LORD who heals you.” (Ex 15:26)*. *“My sheep hear My voice...” (John 10:27 c.f. Jer 7:22-23)*.
 - e. God’s Medicine Bottle – *“My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh.” (Prov 4:20-22)*
Some are healed by miracles, others don’t. God doesn’t heal the same way, but we can all find healing through Jesus’ finished work of the cross. For Derek Prince Prov 4:20-22 & Rom 10:17 were the key that unlocked his faith for healing. Derek carefully went through the Bible with blue pen highlighting all the promises of God’s healing. By the time Derek went through the Bible he ended up with a blue Bible and was discharged from hospital totally healed of incurable skin condition.