

MIRACULOUS HEALING-A CHRISTIAN BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE SICK? We pray out of Love, as the Bible says Jesus was “moved with compassion and healed their sick.” Love is God’s first and foremost motive for touching us with His power. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit, and “He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him”(Acts 10:37,38). We also pray in obedience, as Jesus told us to pray for the sick. In Matthew 10:7 Jesus said “As you go, preach The Kingdom of Heaven is near, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons (read also Luke 10:8 and Mark 16:17). When the sick are healed, it brings glory to God and testifies that Jesus is Lord!

WHY DO WE BELIEVE THE SICK GET WELL? Healings were performed in the Old and New Testaments by many people in addition to Jesus (See examples in Luke 9 and 10; Acts 3:6; Acts 6:8; and 8:6-7). Modern healing testimonies can be found at www.gatheringplacechurch.org, in the “Testimonial Booklet” at The Gathering Place Church or at “[www. SidRoth.org](http://www.SidRoth.org)”.

WHERE DOES THE POWER TO HEAL COME FROM? Jesus told us He would send the Holy Spirit to each believer, and we would be able to do even greater works than He did (John 14:12). Peter explained healing occurred “By faith in the name of Jesus” (Acts 3:16). The Holy Spirit provides us with Gifts of Healings (1 Cor. 12 and 14)-it is God working through an atmosphere of faith providing Holy Spirit power to accomplish healings.

WHY DOESN'T EVERYONE GET HEALED IMMEDIATELY? We don’t understand everything in the spiritual realm or know what God has planned for each person. But clearly stated in Isaiah 53, and confirmed by Matthew 8:16-17, is that Jesus overcame Satan and his devices (sickness, sin, temptation and death), set us free, and has given us authority over all the power of the Enemy (Luke 10: 17-19). The cross of Jesus broke Satan’s power and gave us this authority now, but it has to be asserted and enforced, and it will be resisted! (Matthew 11:12; 16:18-19). We are in the “Now, but Not Yet” period of time-the full perfection of the Kingdom will not arrive until the end times of Revelations, and we will continue to fight battles in Christ until then.

WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER PRAYER? If you are healed, praise and thank the Lord! Don’t be surprised if symptoms return, because Satan will try to get you to doubt your healing. Rebuke the symptoms, and give your testimony of healing to others (pray Psalms 30 and 103). Ask your doctor before stopping medications. If you are not healed immediately, don’t lose hope! Praise Him and thank Him for His Word for Healing. Repent of sin, and any bitterness or unforgiveness which may be separating you from God, and try to live more in obedience. The power and timing to heal is from God, and we cannot force a healing on our terms-it could even occur in stages (Mark 8:22-26). Focus on the ultimate promise of perfect health in the resurrection body so you do not lose hope while you are praying for healing to occur today.