CHRIST THE HEALER - DEVINE HEALING

"He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." Matthew 8:17



Healing in His Wings, by Jon McNaughton

Matthew continues to show Jesus' kingly nature, through a single touch, Jesus healed (8:15) when he spoke a single word, evil spirits fled his presence (8:16). Jesus has the authority over the evil powers and all earthly diseases and His power over what destroys our lives. He also has power and authority to conquer sin. Sickness and evil are consequences of living in a fallen world. Matthew Chapter 8 shows us the divine love in action. This is a chapter of miracles.

EVERY single person who came to Jesus for a healing, was healed! Can anyone of you show me any scriptures that tell us that somebody went to Jesus for a healing, and DIDN'T receive it?

Jesus did around 40 different miracles as recorded in the four Gospels. 26 of these are healing miracles. He was moved by compassion for those in need. Matthew records that as He went throughout the cities and villages, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (*Matt. 9:36*). On another occasion when Jesus saw the only son of a widow being carried out for burial, He had compassion on the woman and raised her son to life (*Luke 7:11–14*).

Jesus' touch and word are powerful. His touch seems to be more of a demonstration of God's love, while his word is a demonstration of his authority and power. Matthew reminds us, however, that Jesus' authority and power are not for his advantage, but for the blessing of those in need. He is God's promised Servant! His authority is demonstrated in his service to us. Therefore, as we seek to be like Jesus, we need to be servants as He was.

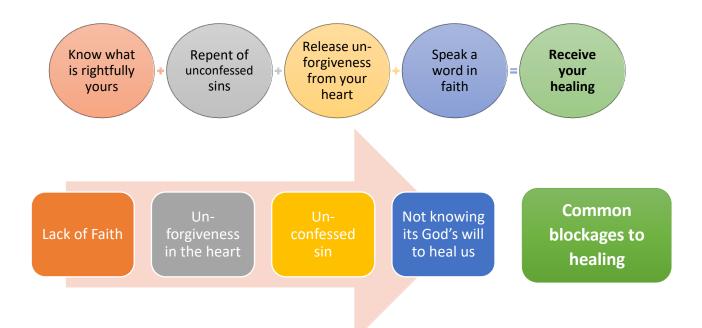
Since sickness and diseases are known symptoms of a curse (Deuteronomy 28:59-61), and since Jesus paid the price on the cross to set us free from all curses (*Galatians 3:13*), why would there be any reason for a child of God to still be living under a curse? It is possible to be made free and still live under the bondage and effects of sin if we don't know what is rightfully ours and stand on it and claim it according to the steps laid out in God's Word (John 8:31-36). God's Word says that His people are destroyed by lack of knowledge! (*Hosea 3:6*)

Jesus took our sickness. The Bible says so in *Matthew 8:16-17*. We see there was healing of all the sick who were brought to Jesus at evening time. Here we see the sheer universality of the love of God in action. To Jesus no one was ever a nuisance; he had no hours when he was on duty and hours when he was off duty. Any man could come to him at any time and receive the willing, gracious help of the love of God.

Healing is throughout the Bible. In fact, just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He spoke very pointedly to His followers of the signs that would accompany believers, including "they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:18).

The anointing was so strong on the apostles that amazing miracles followed wherever they ministered.

Jesus heals because He is full of compassion	Healing belongs to His children	To bring glory to His Father
To fulfil God's promises	To show you the power in His blood	Every time the Lord heals, the devil's defeat at the cross is exposed once again



Life Application: God wants you to live in divine healing and health. He wants you to understand more and more about divine healing. Just because Jesus paid for our healing, doesn't mean you will automatically manifest the benefits. You need to reach out and receive what Jesus did for you by faith! Jesus died for the sins of the world, but that doesn't mean that the world will be saved, because they didn't reach out with faith and receive what Jesus did for them! We work hard to keep our outward appearance attractive, but what is in our heart is even more important. The way we are deep down, where others can't see, matters. What are we like inside? When people become Christians, God makes them different on the inside. He will continue the process of change inside them if they only ask. God wants us to seek healthy thoughts and motives, not just healthy food and exercise.

Prayer: O God, our healer, our refuge and our strength, many of us need healing. We need healing for past hurts, random physical pains and Spiritual healing for various reasons. We reach up to You to receive this healing so that we may be whole and that we may be able to then minister to others in a way that brings You fullness of glory. How wonderful to be able to worship You without stain or blemish and to be totally healed. Show others your healing power so that they may also be healed and walk in wholeness. Father God Heal our land form this Covid 19 pandemic. Mighty and majestic God, I am touched by Jesus' humble use of his power to bless others. Please keep my heart humble and pure so that I may be used by you to bless others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.