

Monday, June 20, 2022: Why are we not seeing more People healed in our churches?

First, let's agree that God's preference is for His children to be healthy and whole (3 John 2).

Second, let's agree the cause of sickness is sin, either directly or indirectly. Sickness is the direct result of sin, i.e. sickness entered into the world as part and parcel of the curse of sin that fell upon man and the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden. That being said, we must understand and accept that sickness will always be a part of living, at least, until such time when Jesus returns and eradicates all sin from the world.

Third, we must agree that Jesus dealt with sickness in the Atonement, i.e. the Finished Work wherein, Isaiah and Peter both tell us "by His Stripes we are Healed".

Now we come to the nuts and bolts of Divine Healing. It might help if we understand the Finished Work of Christ. The Finished Work is composed of 3 elements: the Price He paid, the Promises He made and the Gifts He gave. For purposes of alliteration we will hereafter refer to the third element as the Provisions. So, we have the Price, the Promises and the Provisions.

The 3rd element of the Finished Work, which is Provisions, comes with a caveat of sorts. First, we need to clarify what the word Provisions means. The Word Provisions simply means everything man will ever need in this life in order to live Godly and in order to serve God faithfully has been provided for us in the atoning sacrifice, i.e., the finished work of Calvary.

However, even though God our Heavenly Father has provided all of these things for us; all of which were paid for by His Precious Son on the old rugged cross. Even though our Heavenly Father has provided all of these things for us, we are still required ... still expected to follow, to adhere to all of God's Protocols. By the way, all of God's Protocols are listed in this Book.

In summation, I guess we could say the Finished Work of Christ consists of 4 elements: the Price, the Promises, the Provisions and the Protocols.

That being said, I guess we could also surmise every provision paid for by Jesus comes with a Protocol or a set of Protocols. Let me say that again.

If we can agree Divine Healing was paid for by Jesus at Calvary, then we also have to agree this gift, this provision comes with a set of protocols that governs the appropriation of said gift.

So, if we need healing in our bodies, the solution is simple. We search the Book, find the Proper set of Protocols and then simply follow said protocols.

Protocol one, vs 13: you can't wait until you are in desperate straits to call upon the Lord; if we do we have already violated the first protocol.

Protocol two, vs. 14a: is any sick among you, let him call for the elders.

Protocol three, vs. 14b: let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

Protocol four, vss. 15-16: and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him; the person sick must come before the elders with a repentant heart.

Protocol five, vs. 16: there has to be someone qualified, i.e. living a righteous and holy life to pray an effectual and fervent prayer.

Ah, protocol five; this seems to be where the devil is winning the battle. In my personal opinion, there are few that are qualified to pray an effectual and fervent prayer, which requires a man or woman must not only be righteous, but be living righteous as well.

There is a very distinct difference in being righteous and living righteous. A person becomes the "Righteousness of God" the moment they accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. At that point, once a person is declared to be righteous, that person is then expected to begin living a righteous and holy life. If at any time that person ceases to live righteous, at some point that person stops being righteous.

Herein lies the crux of the problem; not only must a person be righteous in order to pray an effectual and fervent prayer, they must also be living righteous. And, unless that person is adhering to God's protocol listed in Luke 9:23 wherein Jesus said, if you want to be my disciple, you must deny

self, that is to say we must humble ourselves; realizing we cannot rely on self whatsoever and we must then take up our cross daily, which means to reaffirm daily our complete and total allegiance and faith in Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice.

It is my honest opinion there are very few preachers and parishioners alike that are trusting solely in the Finished Work of Christ; that being said, they are not living a righteous and holy life, therefore they are not qualified to pray for the sick. We are not seeing many people healed today because there is simply no one to stand in the gap (Isa. 59:16) (Eze. 22:30).

One additional footnote: a man or a woman who does not faithfully and diligently seek the face of God daily in prayer and in study of the Word of God is not walking in obedience to Luke 9:23; thereby, they are not living righteous; thereby, they are not qualified to offer up an effectual and fervent prayer.