

Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C Bible Band

Lesson 4 December 23, 2025
THE HEALING POWER COMES
FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT



Background Reading:

- **Psalm 103:2-5; 107:20**
- Jeremiah 17:14
- **❖** Mark 16:17-18
- **Acts** 3:6-10

Guiding Questions:

- 1. Where does healing power come from?
- 2. Who can be healed?
- 3. What does God say about healing?
- 4. How did the crippled man get healed?

Devotional Reading:

❖ Mark 9:17-29



Background Reading

Psalm 103:2-5

- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.



Background Reading

Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

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.



Background Reading

Acts 3:6-10

- 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 ankle bones received strength.
- 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
- 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:
- 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.



Devotional Reading

Mark 9:17-29

- 17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;
- 18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.
- 19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.
- **20** And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.
- **21** And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.
- **22** And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.



Devotional Reading

Mark 9:17-29

- 23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
- **24** And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.
- 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.
- **26** And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.
- 27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.



Devotional Reading

Mark 9:17-29

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.



Central Verse

Acts 3:6 (KJV)

"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."



INTRODUCTION

The healing of the crippled beggar was done by the power of Christ working through His Apostles. Healing is part of the empowerment that is given to believers when they receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples that in His name they would be able to lay their hands on the sick, and the sick would recover. The believer knows that it is the will of God for His children to be healed.



INTRODUCTION

He is the one who made each one of His children and He knows how to heal them of all sickness and disease. It's His delight to heal, deliver, and set His children free. God gives many gifts to His disciples, and healing is one of them. He gave the Holy Spirit so that the believers could continue the healing ministry after He had gone back to His Father in Heaven. So, Peter continued Jesus's healing ministry in obedience to His will. Therefore, the miracle was accomplished through faith in Jesus Christ and the gift of healing operating through Peter.



DISCUSSION

Peter told the man that he had neither silver nor gold to give him, but what he had to give was much more valuable. Many times, believers are reluctant to move forward in the power of the Holy Spirit because of their financial status, but they must understand that it is not by power nor by might, but by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. The believer should not be influenced by the opinions, looks, or spirits of others. He must be led by and move in the Spirit of the Holy Ghost.



DISCUSSION

Evidently, someone must have brought the crippled man and laid him at the gate daily to beg and ask for alms. We don't know how long he had been there, but the day of his healing was different. Peter and John were entering the Temple to pray at prayer time when they saw him. He had chosen a good place to be laid, because normally people who pray or go into the Temple are people whose hearts can be touched, and they are usually generous.



DISCUSSION

But this day, when the crippled man asked for a monetary gift, Peter and John had no money to give to him. They looked at him and saw that what he really needed was to be healed of his disability. So, Peter told him to look at them, and of course, being a beggar, he expected to receive money. But to his disappointment, Peter told him that they didn't have money and that they had something better than money.



DISCUSSION

God is a revealer, and He knows what a person really needs even before he can ask. It is important for believers to stay in tune with God, so if He needs to reveal something to them, they will be on the same page. Peter was full of the Holy Ghost and was attuned to God, so, when he saw the need, he was able to command the blessing in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. This was very important because there were many young men of that time named Jesus, but Peter identified the Jesus that he was talking about.



DISCUSSION

Because the Holy Spirit was operating in Peter and John, Peter was able to take the crippled man by the right hand as a point of contact and lift him up. The right hand is the hand of favor, so when he lifted him up by the right hand, the man received strength in his feet and ankles immediately. The man leaped and stood up and walked with them into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God. The people saw him and recognized that he was the beggar that had been lying at the gate, crippled. They were filled with wonder and amazement at what God had done for him. Miracles tend to increase the faith of unbelievers.



DISCUSSION

Some years ago, I was in a revival in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a woman was there who had been paralyzed for eighteen years was brought to the service. I prayed for her, gave her my right hand, and told her to get up, and of course she did. Not only did she walk, but she ran around that church. Many of the people said that they had never seen a real miracle like that before. Afterwards, God gave many miracles in the service that night.



CONCLUSION

When a believer is filled with the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, he can pray or speak and expect the Holy Spirit to release healing for him. It is one of the privileges of allowing the Holy Spirit to live inside of him. The Lord has informed the believer that many are the afflictions of the righteous, but He delivers the believer out of them all (Psalm 34:19).



CONCLUSION

It's important that believers read God's Word. In it, He tells the believers that He is the Lord who heals them. He repeats that promise over and over again in many verses. He is the same today as He was when the crippled man was healed at the gate of the Temple and remember that He is no respecter of persons. What God has done for one, He can and will do for another.

Peter was so excited that he addressed the wonder of the people, reminding them of the greatness of the God that they served, the greatness of the God who had healed the crippled man. Let your faith make you whole.



ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

If the believer has faith in the Lord, all things are possible.



NEXT LESSON

December 30, 2025

Lesson 5

Peter and John arrested and taken before the Jewish council