



RIVER VALLEY HEALING SCHOOL

Six Biblical Reasons to Believe God Has Healed You

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SIX BIBLICAL REASONS ALL CHRISTIANS SHOULD BELIEVE GOD HAS HEALED THEIR BODIES

REASON #1: BECAUSE CHRIST DIED TO ATONE FOR OUR SICKNESSES AND OUR SINS

THE SAME TWO VERBS!

The same two verbs "bore" (*nasa*) and "carried" (*sabal*) of Isaiah 53:4 – where we are told, "Christ bore our sicknesses (*kholee*) and carried our pains (*makob*)" – are the very same two verbs used in Isaiah 53:11,12 to express the great truth that Christ bore our sins and our iniquities vicariously. (Dr. T.J. McCrossan, Bodily Healing and the Atonement)

MATTHEW'S COMMENT ON ISAIAH 53:4 IN MATTHEW 8:16-17

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." (NKJV)

THAT IT MIGHT BE "FULFILLED"

IT MIGHT BE FULFILLED: Aorist passive of the verb *pleroo*, "I fulfill." The Aorist tense, which shows momentary completed past action, is also used to express future events which must certainly happen.

The Holy Spirit knew these prophecies of Isaiah would be fulfilled by God, so Matthew uses the Aorist tense, thus bringing out the great truth that their fulfillment was even then assured.

1 PETER 2:24

...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

YOU WERE HEALED: Aorist passive of the verb *iaomai*.

CONCLUSION

- Because healing for our bodies was purchased for us on the cross of Jesus Christ (atonement), it is provided for all today.
- Because the healing for our bodies was accomplished in the past by Christ, it is a finished work in the present and we receive healing as already done for us!

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REASON #2: BECAUSE GOD USED TO HEAL THE SICK AND HE IS AN UNCHANGEABLE GOD

IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES GOD WAS THE HEALER!

EXODUS 15:6 - "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you ([Jehovah Rapha](#))."* (NKJV)

*Jehovah Rapha - One of seven covenant names of God in the Old Testament! Follow the link to see Hale study on the names of God.

PSALM 103:2-3 - Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals (present participle) all your diseases... (NKJV)

IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES, GOD WAS MAN'S HEALER THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

MATTHEW 9:35 - Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (NKJV)

LUKE 6:19 - And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. (NKJV)

AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS, GOD WAS MAN'S HEALER THROUGH HIS CHURCH

ACTS 5:15-16 - so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall (episkiazō) some of them. Also, a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. (NKJV)

MARK 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (NKJV)

JAMES 5:14-15 - Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save (sōzō) the sick. (NKJV)

CONCLUSION

- Has God changed, or is He the very same God today that He was in Old and New Testament times? In Malachi 3:6, we read, "For I am the Lord, I change not."
- In Hebrews 13:8, we read, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." The Greek expression here for "the same" is "*ho autos*" and means the very same person in every respect.

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**REASON #3: BECAUSE SICKNESS IS THE WORK OF SATAN
INTRODUCED WHEN SIN ENTERED THE WORLD AND CHRIST
WAS MANIFESTED TO DESTROY ALL OF SATAN'S WORK!**

THE SOURCE OF DEATH AND SICKNESS

ROMANS 5:12 - Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned..." (NKJV)

There was no sickness in the original creation. Adam and Eve would have lived forever. In Romans 5:12 it is plainly stated that death entered the world by sin and with it, sickness, which is incipient (beginning stage) death.

Death (including sickness and disease) came in THROUGH sin. The idea presented is that of sin opening a doorway through which death could enter and Satan could hold the power of death and sickness.

JESUS CAME TO DESTROY SATAN AND HIS WORKS

1 JOHN 3:8b - For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. (NKJV)

HEBREWS 2:14b - ...that through death He (Jesus) might destroy him (Satan) who had the power of death, that is, the devil... (NKJV)

Christ died to destroy Satan's power over death. Is not sickness one method by which Satan causes death? Then Christ died to destroy (annul) the power of sickness.

JESUS CAME TO HEAL ALL THOSE OPPRESSED BY THE DEVIL

ACTS 10:38 - ...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (NKJV)

The word here for "oppressed" is *katadynasteuō*, meaning, "I dominate or exercise lordship over." Then all whom Christ healed while on earth were diseased or afflicted because Satan had gotten the lordship over them. Christ "triumphed" over all the power of the enemy!

COLOSSIANS 2:15 - Having disarmed (apekdyomai) principalities and powers, He (Jesus) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

CONCLUSION

- Death (including sickness and disease) came into the world THROUGH sin. Sickness results from Satan's work.
- Christ died and rose again to destroy Satan's works of sin, death and sickness.
 - *Romans 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (NKJV)*

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REASON #4: BECAUSE THE VERY SAME HOLY SPIRIT WHO DID ALL OF CHRIST'S MIRACLES AND HEALINGS IS RESIDENT WITHIN ALL BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS TODAY!

JESUS PERFORMED MIRACLES AND HEALINGS BY THE POWER AND ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LUKE 4:14 - Then Jesus returned in the power (dunamis) of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. (NKJV)

LUKE 4:18 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed (chriō) Me... (NKJV)

ACTS 10:38 - How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power (dunamis), who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (NKJV)

Luke 6:19 - And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him (exerchomai dunamis) and healed them all. (NKJV)

Christ did all His miracles in the power of the Holy Ghost, and not in His own power as God, the Second Person of the Trinity.

THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT THAT EMPOWERED JESUS ABIDES IN US NOW

John 14:16 - And I (Jesus) will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (NKJV)

ACTS 1:8 - But you shall receive power (dunamis) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (NKJV)

CONCLUSION

- The same Holy Spirit that anointed and empowered Jesus to do all of his miracles and healing abides with and dwells in us now!
- Because the Holy Spirit dwells in us, all the gifts of the spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8-10) dwell in us including gifts of healings and the working of miracles.
- *MARK 16:17-18 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will...lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

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REASON #5: BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S GREAT COMMISSION AND GOD'S DIRECT COMMAND IN JAMES 5:14!

IN MARK CHAPTER 16, JESUS SAYS THAT HIS FOLLOWERS WILL PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEY WILL BE HEALED

MARK 16:16-18,20 - *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover... ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. (NJKV)*

Note the “signs” (*sēmeίon* - a supernatural act by which it manifests the power and the presence of God) that “follow” (*parakolouthéō* - to accompany side by side) those that believe. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they will “recover” (*echō kalōs* - with wellness, goodness).

Here, then, is a direct command from Christ that His followers should pray for the sick and believe Him to heal them.

THE BOOK OF JAMES GIVES A SPECIFIC AND DETAILED COMMAND REGARDING “ANY” THAT ARE SICK

JAMES 5:14-15 - *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. (NKJV)*

- Is “any sick” (*tis* - indefinite pronoun; *asthenéō* - without strength, lacking body vigor)?
- Let him “call” (*proskaleō* - to call toward, 1st Aorist imperative, command language). God commands us to call for elders (spiritual mature Christians).
- The prayer of faith will save (*sōzō* - *heal, to make whole, to save*) the sick.

CONCLUSION

- We can believe God to heal our bodies because Jesus commissioned us to pray for the sick.
- We can believe God to heal our bodies because God commands to call for prayer when we are sick and the prayer of faith will heal us.

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REASON #6: THE SAME FAITH THAT SAVED YOU FROM YOUR SINS WILL ALSO HEAL YOUR BODY!

BY FAITH WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS (SALVATION)

EPHESIANS 2:10 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God... (NKJV)

LUKE 7:48,50 - Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven"...Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you (Pistis sou sesōken se). Go in peace."

BY FAITH WE RECEIVE HEALING FOR OUR BODIES

Luke 8:48 & 49 - Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well (Pistis sou sesōken se). Go in peace."

THE SAME FAITH THAT SAVED YOU WILL ALSO HEAL YOUR BODY

The word here for "has made you well" is this same word, *sesōken*, the perfect, 3rd person singular of *sōzō*, I save. This, then, is positive proof that the very same faith that saves the soul also will heal the body.

CONCLUSION

Every person has a blood-bought right to healing, but many do not know that they must exercise the same appropriating faith in the bruised body of Christ for their healing as they formerly exercised in His shed blood for their salvation.

This means it is always the will of God to heal and we should never add the faith-killing phrase, "If it be thy will" to our prayer of faith for the sick!