

Belief #9 **Miracles and Healing**

We believe that God is a miracle-working God who heals the sick, performs signs and wonders, and supernaturally intervenes in the lives of his people today. The same Jesus who healed the blind, raised the dead, and cast out demons is alive and active — and his power to heal and perform miracles has not diminished. We pray for the sick in faith, believing God still moves in miraculous ways for his glory.

Reason 1 Healing is woven into the atonement — by his stripes we are healed

Isaiah's prophecy of the Suffering Servant declares that healing is part of what Christ accomplished on the cross. Peter quotes this directly in the New Testament, grounding divine healing in the finished work of Jesus.

Isaiah 53:5

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

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1 Peter 2:24

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

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Reason 2 Jesus healed all who came to him — revealing the Father's will to heal

The Gospels record that Jesus healed every kind of sickness and disease. His healing ministry reveals that healing is consistent with God's will and character.

Matthew 8:16–17

"When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.'"

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Acts 10:38

"...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

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Reason 3 Jesus promised that believers would do even greater works than he did

In one of the most remarkable promises in Scripture, Jesus told his disciples that those who believe in him would do the works he had been doing — and even greater works, because he was going to the Father.

John 14:12

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

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Reason 4 The elders of the church are commanded to pray for the sick with anointing oil

James gives the Church a clear, practical instruction for divine healing — the sick should call for the elders, who will anoint them with oil and pray in faith. The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.

James 5:14–15

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."

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Reason 5 God is the same yesterday, today, and forever — his miracle-working power has not changed

The Bible declares that God does not change — he is the same God who parted the Red Sea, raised the dead, and healed the sick. His power and willingness to perform miracles has not diminished with time.

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

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Malachi 3:6

"I the Lord do not change."

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Reason 6 The early church performed miracles and healings through the Holy Spirit

Acts records a continuous stream of miracles performed through the apostles and ordinary believers alike — healings, deliverances, and signs and wonders that confirmed the gospel message and demonstrated the power of the risen Christ.

Acts 3:6–8

"Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.' Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk."

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Acts 19:11–12

"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them."

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Reason 7 Signs and wonders confirm the preaching of the gospel

Mark's Gospel closes with Jesus promising that signs would accompany those who believe — including healing the sick and driving out demons. These signs serve as supernatural confirmation that the gospel is the power of God and that Jesus is alive.

Mark 16:17–18

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues... they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

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Hebrews 2:4

"God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will."

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Summary — Belief #9

- **Healing is woven into the atonement** — Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24 ground divine healing in the finished work of Christ.
- **Jesus healed all who came to him** — Matthew 8:16–17 and Acts 10:38 reveal the Father's will to heal.
- **Jesus promised believers would do even greater works** — John 14:12 extends miraculous ministry to all who believe.
- **The elders are commanded to pray for the sick** — James 5:14–15 makes healing prayer a Church practice.
- **God does not change — his power is the same forever** — Hebrews 13:8 and Malachi 3:6 affirm his unchanging nature.
- **The early church performed miracles through the Spirit** — Acts 3:6–8 and 19:11–12 show miraculous power in action.
- **Signs and wonders confirm the preaching of the gospel** — Mark 16:17–18 and Hebrews 2:4 show miracles as ongoing confirmation.