



# Divine Healing

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## **The Origin of Sickness.**

God created perfect human beings to enjoy living in a paradise called the Garden of Eden. Walking in obedience to God would mean they would know no tears, sorrows, sin or any problems. After they sinned, however, by yielding to the temptation of the devil, their realities changed and sickness and death manifested in their lives. To restore healing and life to people, Jesus Christ came to earth (God became human), to destroy and undo the works of the enemy. People would receive this new life by faith.

Jesus *never* told people it was God's will for them to be sick and therefore not heal them. Neither did He tell them that sickness was a "cross they would have to bear". (Eph. 1:3; 1 John 3:8; Matt. 4:23, 8:16; 12:15).

## **Is it God's Will to Heal?**

The simple answer is emphatically "yes"!

In the first four books of the New Testament, we see the track-record of Jesus Christ. Jesus healed **all** because divine healing was freely available to **all**. Read Acts 10:38.

Healing was a major part of the earthly ministry of Jesus. Matt.4:23 says "Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness."

Later, when Jesus sent out His disciples and commissioned the Church to go into the world, He told them, amongst other things, to heal the sick and also cast out demons. To further assist us, God gave the Holy Spirit to the Church. He, in turn, gives the Church power and supernatural abilities to accomplish this mission, namely to heal the sick.

Nowhere in the Bible or in Church history is their evidence to prove the myth that miracles, signs and wonders ceased after Christ's earthly ministry or that of his apostles. God's power is still available today! (Matt. 10:1; James 5:15; Mark 16:17-18 & 1 Cor. 12:9-10).

## **Provision for Healing.**

Forgiveness of sin comes to us because of what Christ did in His life, death and resurrection; but, so also does healing come to us. Healing, like forgiveness of sin, was included in the work of Jesus on the cross. Not only did Jesus Christ die for the sins of the world, He died for our sicknesses too!

Just as all people can be saved if they believe and receive salvation, they can also be healed if they believe. Just as you cannot earn your salvation, you cannot earn your healing. Healing is a gift of mercy—it cannot be earned.

This message of God's provision for salvation and healing **for all** is the "Good News" (Gospel) we must declare to the world; unlimited provision because of God's goodness. Healing, irrespective of people's past sins, enables God to reveal His love, power and also the authority of the name of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 53:4-5 & Luke 18:43).

### **Ministering to the Sick.**

As we see in the ministry of Jesus, God heals people by working with people to minister to the sick. He enables His apostles, elders and even believers to lay hands on the sick and see sick people healed.

Although ministering to the sick is not taught and practiced in many churches today, it does not change God's plan. There are growing numbers of believers world-wide who, having discovered God's plan and their authority, are practicing divine healing. Divine healing is only difficult when a person thinks he or she has to heal the sick person themselves. To be effective, however, and in order to minister to the sick and see them healed, we need to study and re-examine the Bible, and ask the Holy Spirit to equip us for the task (2Tim. 3:16-17).

### **The Importance of Faith.**

Some sicknesses are caused by demonic oppression. That is why Jesus often rebuked an evil spirit to heal the sick. When we use our God-given authority, people can also be healed the same way today.

For most other sicknesses, however, people must understand the importance of faith. Sick people today are healed exactly the same way people were healed in the times of Jesus. When we use our faith in God, He touches us and we receive our healing.

Unbelief, the enemy of faith, activates satan's plan just as real faith in God activates God's plan for people to receive from His unlimited provision.

Learn how faith works, and it will become possible for you to believe God for healing. Start by reading the Gospels. Study materials that believe God still heals today. Reach out to people who also believe these truths. Listen to the Holy Spirit; He will also teach you about healing.

Healing is for everybody including you. When you have faith in God, all things become possible (Mark 9:14-27; Matt. 15:28 & Mark 9:23).

### **Medical Science.**

Doctors and those in the medical profession do a noble work as they attempt to alleviate the pain and suffering of people. Often they are an integral part of healing the sick. Medical science, however, uses natural means to heal the sick, while divine healing is when God's supernaturally heals people!

We pray for all people, regardless of whether or not they have been to a doctor. We often tell people to go back to their doctors to confirm and verify a person's healing.

### **A Message for You.**

God created you. He is not only your Father; He is also your Healer. God made provision for you to be healed. Sometimes you may see instant results, other times it will be a process and journey of faith. We want to encourage you and walk with you as you trust God to heal you.

Please read **How to Receive Your Healing**.

**If you have received healing please let us know – go to [www.destiny-international.org](http://www.destiny-international.org) and click on "CONTACT US" and share your story.**