



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



## DOCTRINE #11: DIVINE HEALING

### Are You Sure?

**Defend your answers to the following statements.**

- *Correct or **Incorrect**.* "Faith healers" are not con artists. They possess the ability to heal as a result of having received the spiritual gift of healing.
- *Agree or **Disagree**.* The gifts of healing were a temporary sign to establish the authority of the apostles, but spiritual gifts no longer play a role in the Church.
- *True or **False**.* If I'm sick, it is God's will for me to be sick!
- *Yes or **No**.* Everyone should be healed immediately because healing is in the atonement.
- *Fact or **Fib**.* All sickness is the result of sin in one's own life.
- *Right or **Wrong**.* If you are sick and not healed, it is because you lack faith.

### Statement of Faith #11



We believe deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers.

### Yes, I'm Sure!

- What about faith healers?
  1. Abuses abound!
  2. Some are faith healers.
  3. Remember, God is our healer. (Jehovah-Rapha = The Lord that healeth)
  4. Man can be a channel through which God heals. Read I Cor. 12:9; James 5.
- Is divine healing for today?
  1. Absolutely!
  2. "There is no scriptural evidence that Jesus Christ has revoked the promise of divine healing, any more than there is proof that He rescinded the gift of eternal life."  
- Crabtree (See Mark 16:17-18)
  3. Jesus healed, and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Matt. 8:16-17)
  4. Healings occurred during apostolic days, throughout church history and still occur today. (Acts 3:16)
  5. The scriptures admonish the sick among us to seek divine healing. (James 5:14-15)
- Is sickness God's will?
  1. Sickness is a part of the curse and, as such, is not God's will.
  2. The Fall (Gen. 3) affected our souls, bodies, and world.
  3. Sin and sickness are results of the Fall that God promises to restore. "The Lord forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."  
(Ps. 103:3)



- Should everyone be healed immediately?
  1. In many cases, Jesus healed instantaneously. (Matt. 15:30-31)
  2. On occasion, He healed gradually. (John 4:46-54)
  3. In at least one instance, the Lord indicated that the healing would be in the future. (John 9:7)
  4. The Lord sometimes healed without the result being apparent at once. (Luke 17:14-15)
  5. Ultimate healing occurs when we trade our bodies in for a perfect one.
  6. God is sovereign and God is wise.
  7. Our healing has been purchased and will be perfected.
  
- Is sickness the result of one's own sin?
  1. There are physical consequences to certain sins, but ...
  2. Sickness is the result of a fallen world ... the curse of sin in general.
  3. John 9:2-3 settles this issue.
  4. If unconfessed, sin produced sickness. Every time we confessed sin, we would be instantly healed.
  5. This dangerous belief produces condemnation and doubt in the minds of believers.
  
- Is your healing dependent upon whether you have enough faith?
  1. Faith is important, but ...
  2. The most important thing is not how much faith we have, but in WHOM we have our faith. (Matt. 17:20)
  3. Have faith in God ... not faith in faith.



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Jesus performed an amazing variety of healing miracles. The divine healer set people free from every incurable disease known to man. No sickness stymied his ability to heal. The blind received their sight, the dumb spoke, and the lame and paralyzed were given strong, healthy limbs. The awful scourge of leprosy was lifted time and again, the high fever was checked and the temperature returned to normal, the issue of blood was dried up by a touch, and the withered hand was stretched out and made whole. Funeral processions were interrupted and changed to resurrection parades, the demons of hell were evicted from their habitations, and epileptic seizures were silenced!

This same Jesus is alive today. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. In Matthew 28:20, He said, "*Lo, I am with you always*".