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Introduction

Since the first printing of this book many have been healed by the power of God through His Word. You too, can be healed by applying the information in this book to your daily life. God is Love! The Bible tells us that God is love in First John 4:7-8. Then also we can see the love of God throughout the whole Bible. God's love is beyond that of any love that natural man has ever experienced. Most of us know about the love of God, but do we really understand it? Do we really understand the love of God and His grace?

I first started to see the love and grace of God when I was born again at the age of forty-five. All those years before I was a religious person, but never really understood the love of God and His grace. I belonged to a Church denomination and attended church regularly. I even taught Sunday School, was a member of Church councils, etc. Yet I really didn't know the love and grace of God for His children.

About two years after I was born again I was writing my first book. At that time my oldest daughter was in an auto accident. Her left arm was all banged up. A large steel cover hit the side of her car and her left arm. They called me from the hospital. They told me she was there and wanted me to come down to the hospital.

After getting off the phone the LORD spoke to me from inside and said, "*You better go down there.*" I looked at my watch; it was 6:30pm. I didn't go right away. About 15 minutes later the LORD said, "*You better go there now!*" I said, "Ok," and I prayed with my boys and left. On the way down the LORD said, "*When you get there she will be coming out and I want to heal her.*" When I got there she was just coming out with her arm in a sling packed in ice and a lot of medication in her hand. Her boy-friend was with her. There was no place to park my car so I asked her, if she would come over to my place for a while. She said she would and I left for home. When she got to my house her boy-friend was with her. We talked for a few minutes. Her arm was not broken, but all the muscles and tendons were in bad shape. The doctor said it would be two weeks or more before she could use her left hand and arm. She was to go back the next day for a check-up.

I asked her boy-friend to go up-stairs and send down my oldest son, then wait up-stairs until we come up. He did, and my oldest son came down. I didn't want anyone around who did not believe that Jesus would heal her arm right at that very moment that I prayed.

I said to her, "the LORD wants to heal you NOW, right here, is that Ok with you?" She said, "Sure." I knew she wasn't living for the LORD at the time so I asked her, "First, would you pray with me that the LORD would receive you?" She said sure, so I prayed with her first and she accepted the LORD! Then I laid my hands on her and commanded healing in the name of Jesus. The LORD healed her arm 100% that very moment when I prayed.

I knew within myself that she was healed so I asked her, "did you feel anything?" She said, "it feels kinda funny." I said, "take your arm out of the sling and bend it up." She did. Then I said, "now straighten it out," and she did. Then I said, "now bend it all the way to the right," and she did. Then I said, "now bend it all the way to the left" and as she did a smile came on her face and she said, "Dad, it doesn't even hurt." I said, "I know, the LORD just healed it for you!" Her face lit up, she was so happy, we just praised the LORD for healing her.

She went right back to work the very next day. She never lost a day of work. She is a key punch operator and needed the use of her left hand. By the love of God, He healed her.

God loved my daughter, even though at the time she wasn't living for Him. She was living her own life, doing her own thing. But the love and grace of God is for every one who will accept it. Why would God heal her? It is simple, God loves everyone, and by His grace anyone can be healed through faith. All the faith it took for my daughter to be healed was to accept what the LORD wanted to do. He wanted to heal her arm. When she accepted that, that's all it took. When I asked her, "Is that Ok with you?" She said "sure." When I prayed in the name of Jesus the LORD healed her completely at that very moment. She didn't have to wait for her healing, it was done and complete the minute I prayed in Jesus' name.

The same year this book was first written, I took ten printed books to a Christian friend I knew. She took some books along with her to Church the next Sunday. In church she saw a young man who had cancer. When she spoke to him, he told her he was to go to the hospital for surgery in a week or so.

She gave him one of the books and said to him, "I believe God can heal you, here read this book." The next Sunday at church she saw him again. She said to him, "I believe God can heal you!" He said, "I believe He can too." She then said, "after Church, let's go down in the basement and pray."

When the church session was over they went down into the basement. Others also went down in the basement for other reasons. This Sister in the LORD said to the young man, "Let's pray." When she laid hands upon him and began to pray, he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and started speaking in tongues. Others around him heard him speaking in tongues and said, "he is speaking in Hebrew." (This was a Greek Orthodox Church). Even a Priest came down and heard him speaking in tongues.

When this young man stopped speaking in tongues, this Christian woman said to him, "we haven't prayed for your healing yet, let's pray." She then laid hands upon him again and prayed for his healing. He said, "I'm healed, I feel the heat of God going all through my body." The next day, he was scheduled for surgery at the hospital. When he went in, he tried to tell the doctors he was already healed. He told them what had happened at church the day before, but they would not believe him. They took him into the operating room and began to do the surgery they had planned. But, they could not find any cancer. They sewed him back up and within days he was released from the Hospital.

He went and told this Christian friend of mine what happened. Then he started going around to people he knew and started praying for them for healing. Within a week or so, he had prayed for a number of people, and they received their healing by the power of the LORD confirming His Word with signs following.

Within a few months, he met up with another Christian who was already in the ministry, working in Prisons and half-way houses. Together, they prayed for many people and the LORD healed them as they laid hands upon the sick.

The LORD will confirm His Word with signs, if Christians will believe "He is the LORD that heals them."

Study this book over and over, and believe the LORD will heal all those who believe. The information contained in this book will help you to receive your healing, if you read it carefully, meditate upon the truth from the Word of God, and "receive your healing by grace through faith."

PART I WHY WILL GOD HEAL ANYONE?

God healed people under the Old Covenant and today we have a much better covenant with God; therefore He also heals people today, by His grace through faith.

God will heal anyone. Sickness and disease are not from God, they are of this world. God has power over everything in this world, and we can experience that power of God in our lives if we will receive it by grace through faith.

Let's look at some of the things God did for man in the Old Testament along the line of healing. In Genesis 20:17, it says, "**So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.**" Abraham prayed to God, and God healed this man, his wife, and his maidservants. God answered the prayer of Abraham. Abraham prayed according to the covenant God had made with him.

Remember, God made a covenant with Abraham and his seed after him. In Genesis 17:1-2 it says, "**And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.**"

A covenant is an agreement between two or more parties whereby they commit themselves to do something for the other. As long as the two parties do not break the covenant it stands as it is so declared at the time it is made. Here in Chapter 17, the Almighty God, the God of all creation, is making a covenant with a man, named Abram. Let's go on and see more of this covenant.

In verse seven it says, "**And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.**" Here God extended this covenant to the seed of Abraham, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto all who are included in the covenant. To all who are the seed of Abraham, God will be their God.

Notice, this covenant was an everlasting covenant. This covenant was before the covenant of the Law of Moses and the children of Israel. The Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth would be a God, in which to Him ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, to all the seed of Abraham. Today we are living in a time where the covenant of Abraham is still in effect. It is explained in Galatians 3:16 saying, "**Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**" Then in Galatians 3:29 it says, "**And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**" Galatians 3:17 says, "**And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.**" This means the covenant God made with Abraham was before the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses could not change the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed.

Another important fact to consider about God is that in Romans 2:11 it says, "**For there is no respect of persons with God.**" What does this mean? If God made a covenant with Abraham, and Abraham, being in covenant with God prayed to God for the healing of another person and God healed them because of the prayer of Abraham; then God will heal anyone in covenant with Him if they pray in faith as Abraham did. It is the prayer of faith by anyone in covenant with God that will heal the sick. God is not a respecter of persons; He will answer the prayer of anyone who is in covenant with Him (in Christ). All who are born again are in Christ (1 Cor. 15:45-49; 2 Cor. 5:17).

HOW TO ENTER THE COVENANT

How does anyone become Christ's? We enter by becoming born again into the family of God. By receiving Jesus Christ as LORD. John 1:11-13 says, "**He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**" It says, "**as many as received Him, He gave the power to become sons of God.**" Then it says, "**Which were born of God.**" Once we receive Jesus Christ as LORD we belong to Christ, we are His. When we become Christ's we are included in the covenant that God made with Abraham.

HEALING IS A PART OF THE COVENANT

Abraham understood his covenant rights with God when he prayed for Abimelech, his wife, and maidservants. God kept His part of the covenant, when Abraham prayed in faith, and He healed Abimelech, his wife, and maidservants. Many of the prophets, kings and priests knew and understood the covenant God made with Abraham concerning healing for their bodies. All throughout the Old Testament from Exodus to Malachi healing is mentioned.

One of the greatest examples of healing under this covenant is in Exodus 12:3-13. What God told the children of Israel is a part of the covenant that God had made with Abraham. This covenant included all the seed of Abraham. Everyone who is of the seed of Abraham is included in the covenant.

Three important factors of this is that a lamb should be slain. First, the body of the lamb would be prepared whole, (not a bone to be broken, the head and the legs still in tact). Second, the blood of the lamb would be placed over the door post and on both sides of the door. Whosoever was in the house that had the blood over the door would live and not die. A third important fact was established, they had to be ready to leave Egypt, their loins girded, their shoes on their feet, and their staff in their hand; ready to go!

Exodus 12:36-38 says, ". . .**And they spoiled the Egyptians. And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.** And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle."

The beautiful part of this whole story is explained in Psalm 105:36-37, saying, "**He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength. He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.**"

Can you vision in your mind, six hundred thousand men, besides children leaving Egypt and not one feeble (or sick) person among them? This is a demonstration of the love, grace, and power of our God, to heal all that are afflicted with sickness or disease. Another great thing about this large multitude that God set free was that God did not require that each one first confess all their sins to become perfect before Him.

The blood of the lamb was shed for their sins. The body of the lamb was given for the physical healing of their bodies. That's why there was not one feeble one among them. The children of Israel received healing for their bodies because they partook of the body of the lamb that was slain the night of the Passover. They did this believing what Moses and Aaron said to them; they were ready to receive deliverance from Egypt.

All of this great move of God in the lives of the children of Israel was done under the covenant God made with Abraham. God said to Abraham in Genesis 15:13-14, ". . . **Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; "And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance."**

The children of Israel came out before the covenant of the Law of Moses was made. They were under the same covenant God made with Abraham as we are in Christ. Our covenant today is even a much better covenant; in that, the Blood of Jesus Christ is shed for our sins, and the Body of Jesus Christ is given for our healing.

Matthew 8:17 says, "**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**" Jesus Christ took upon Himself our sicknesses. 1st Peter 2:24 says, "**Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**"

HOW TO KNOW OUR COVENANT RIGHTS

One way to get to know our covenant rights is to watch what Jesus said and did while on this earth. Jesus knew the will of the Father. Jesus did the will of the Father. Jesus knew the covenant rights of those who were God's Children. When Jesus healed on the Sabbath day He did it under the covenant that God made with Abraham before the Law of Moses, which the Law after the covenant, could not change (Gal. 3:17).

PART II JESUS IS THE HEALER

You will notice throughout the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John that it says, "And He, (meaning Jesus) healed them," or, "He healed them all." Jesus is the Word of God manifested in the flesh (John 1:1-2, 1st John 1:1-2). In Psalm 107:20 it says, "**He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**" God sent Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son in the flesh to manifest His Word, which includes healing and deliverance from any destruction caused by the devil.

The LORD healed in the Old Testament. It says in Exodus 15:26, ". . . **I am the LORD that healeth thee.**" In Hebrews 13:8 it says, "**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**"

All who came to Jesus for healing received their healing. Jesus healed everyone who came to Him for healing. You Too! Can be healed if you come to Jesus for healing. He still heals today the same as He always healed, yesterday, today, and forever!

As we read the accounts given of Jesus let us come to the understanding that *Jesus Christ is the healer*. This is very plainly seen by what is said of Jesus in each of these accounts. Many times it says "and He (meaning Jesus) healed them all, or He healed them." Always indicating that it was Jesus who did the healing. It never says that God healed them, but rather that Jesus healed them. This does not mean that Jesus is greater than the Father. Jesus Himself said, "**My Father is greater than I**" (John 14:28). It doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit does not have the power to heal. It says in 1st Corinthians 12:9 the gifts of healing are by the Holy Spirit as He wills. But God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power to do the healing.

In Acts 10:38 it says, "**How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.**" God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost to heal all that were oppressed of the devil. Sickness is oppression of the devil. Jesus was anointed with the power of the Holy Ghost to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

In Acts 2:36 it says, "**Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**"

God made Jesus "Christ." Christ means "the anointed One." Jesus is the anointed One to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. It also says that God made Jesus "LORD." LORD means, "supreme in authority." Abraham recognized one of the three that came to him before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as the LORD. Abraham was already in covenant with God at that time. In Exodus 15:26 this statement is made ". . . **I am the LORD that healeth thee.**"

The LORD, Jesus Christ, is the healer, ordained by God. God made Jesus of Nazareth both LORD and Christ.

Jesus, being made LORD, or supreme authority, gave to His followers authority to use His name against all manner of sickness and all manner of disease (Mark 16:17). Being LORD, He is the supreme authority of all things in heaven, on earth, and beneath the earth. Philippians 2:9-11 says, "**Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**"

Don't let religious theology enter your mind, trying to analyze the Word of God. Forget whether Jesus was LORD and Christ before He died and rose again from the dead. Jesus is LORD and CHRIST today. He is all that the Word of God says He is. His name is powerful. In Jesus' name sickness and disease must go. Every thing must bow to the name of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John show that every sickness, every disease, every demon or devil did bow to the name of Jesus. If they did then they will also do it now, today. The name of Jesus is just as powerful today as it was then.

Jesus is the healer, and His name is powerful against all manner of sickness, all manner of disease, and every work of demons or the devil. Once we have it settled in our mind and heart who Jesus Christ is, He is the healer of our bodies, and we look to Him in faith for our healing we will be healed.

Healing is by grace through faith. The Scripture says, in John 1:17, "**For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**" We are living in the time of grace and truth. So by grace, receive the truth, from the Word of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ as He walked on this earth; doing the will of God the Father.

To know our covenant rights, we must know the truth; the LORD Jesus Christ by His teachings and His actions on earth. Remember we are the seed of Abraham through Christ. We are members of Christ's body, the church. We are heirs to the promises of God through Christ (Rom. 8:17). Through the teachings of Jesus, and what He did on earth we can know our covenant right to healing for our bodies.

WHAT JESUS TAUGHT BY WORD and EXAMPLE

Matthew 4:23-24 says, "**And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.** "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him **all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.**"

Jesus healed all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Jesus healed all the sick people that were brought to Him. Matthew 8:5-10,13 says, "**And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, "And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. "And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.** "The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. "For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. "When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. . ."And Jesus said unto the centurion, **Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And **his servant was healed** in the selfsame hour."

Matthew 8:14-16 says, "**And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. "And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:**" Mark 1:30-34 also tells of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law.

Matthew 9:2-7 says, "**And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.** "And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. "And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? "For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) **Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.** "And he arose, and departed to **his house.**" Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 5:17-26 also tell of the same account.

Matthew 9:20-22 says, "**And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: "For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. "But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour." Mark 5:25-34 and Luke 8:43-48 also tell of the same account.

Matthew 9:35 says, "**And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**" Matthew tells us that Jesus lived on this earth as the Son of man, knowing and doing the will of God. The religious people always tried to tempt Him, that they might accuse Him of doing something against God. The sabbath day was one of the days they tried to accuse Him the most. On the sabbath day, Jesus made a very profound statement about Himself. Jesus said, "**For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.** It goes on to say, "**And when**

he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: "And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. . . "Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. "Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. "But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all." [Matt. 12:8-10,13-15]

Matthew 12:22 says, "Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw."

Matthew 14:14 says, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."

Matthew 15:30 says, "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them."

Matthew 19:2 says, "And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there."

Matthew 21:14 says, "And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them."

Mark 3:10 says, "For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues."

Mark 5:22-23,35-42 says, "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, "And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. . . "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? "As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. "And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. "And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. "And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. "And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. "And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment." Luke 8:41-42,49-56 gives the same account.

Mark 6:1-6 says, "And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. "And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. "But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. "And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. "And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching."

Mark 6:54-56 says, "And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, "And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. "And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole."

Mark 10:46-52 says, "And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. "And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. "And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. "And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. "And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. "And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. "And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

Luke 4:40 says, "Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them."

Luke 5:12-13 says, "And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. "And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him."

Luke 6:17-19 says, "And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; "And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. "And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all."

Luke 7:2-10 says, "And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. "And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. "And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: "For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. "Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: "Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. "For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. "When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. "And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick."

Luke 9:11 says, "And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing."

Luke 13:11-16 says "And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen

years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. "And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. "And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. "And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. "The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

Luke 14:1-4 says, "And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. "And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. "And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? "And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go."

Luke 17:12-19 says, "And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: "And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, "And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. "And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? "There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. "And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

Luke 18:35-43 says, "And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: "And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. "And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. "And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. "And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. "And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, "Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. "And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. "And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God."

Luke 22:51 says, "And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."

John 4:46-53 says, "So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. "When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. "Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. "The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. "Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. "And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. "Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh

hour the fever left him."So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house."

John 5:2-9 says, "Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. "In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. ". . .And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. "When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? "The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. "Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. "And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath."

John 9:1-7 says, "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. "And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? "Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. "When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, "And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing."

JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Knowing that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life we must base all truth upon the teachings of Jesus; by His Words and His example. If we do this we will find that all Scripture will agree, from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. Yet to get to know the truth of the Word of God we must take into account all of Scripture.

In Acts 2:16 Peter said, "**But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.**" Peter was still quoting what Joel said in verse twenty-one when he said, "**And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**" Let us look in the Bible at what Joel said. In Joel 2:23 it says, "**And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered. . .**"

Some have misunderstood what the word saved means. The words "saved and delivered" mean the same thing. Healing is deliverance from the works of the devil. Saved is deliverance from the works of the devil.

Jesus also used the word saved in connection with the healing of a blind man, it says in Luke 18:42-43, "**And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.** "And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God."

Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: "Not of works, lest any man should boast."**

Understanding this truth we can much easier understand the teachings of Jesus and why He did what He did, during His walk on this earth. Keep in mind that Jesus healed everyone who came to Him for healing. Jesus said in Matthew 18:11, "**For the Son of man is come to save that which was**

lost." Jesus saved that which was lost by healing everyone of every manner of sickness and every manner of disease. Health for our bodies was one thing that was lost.

The Word of God says, "**Whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be delivered (Joel 2:32).**" "**And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Acts 2:21).**" How is it done? By grace through faith!

Romans 11:6 says, "**And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.**" Grace and works are opposites of each other. If it is by grace than it is not by works. If it is by works than it is not by grace. By which way do we receive from God, Grace or Works? It is grace, not works. We are saved by grace through faith; not works.

Another thing to take into account is that God is not a respecter of persons. That is, if God healed anyone He will also heal you.

There are only a few guidelines to receive healing from God; which we will see as we follow Jesus footsteps through the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Then we can verify what Jesus did by the rest of the Bible; Old and New Testament.

JESUS HEALED EVERYONE

In Matthew 4:23 it says that Jesus went about all Galilee "**...healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.**" This shows us that no matter what kind of sickness or what kind of disease a person has Jesus can and will heal us from it. There is no sickness or disease that Jesus will not heal. He will heal ALL SICKNESS AND ALL DISEASE.

Matthew 8:16 says Jesus, "**...healed all that were sick.**" All means everyone that was sick. It didn't make any difference why they were sick. It didn't make any difference who it was that was sick. Jesus healed all that were sick.

Matthew 12:14-15 says, "**Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all.**" It didn't make any difference how difficult the religious people made it for Jesus, He still continued to heal all that were sick, even by great multitudes.

Matthew 14:14 says, "**And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.**" Jesus saw a great multitude and He healed their sick. Jesus has a great compassion toward those who are sick, He wants to heal them. Matthew 15:30 says, "**And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them.**" It didn't make any difference to Jesus what kind of sickness they had, lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others; He healed them all by the multitudes.

Matthew 19:2 says, "**And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.**" All who followed Jesus, even great multitudes were healed.

Matthew 21:14 says, "**And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.**" It didn't make any difference to Jesus if it was on the hillside, on the way to another place or even in the temple; all who came to Him, He healed them.

Mark 5:22 through 42 tells us that it didn't make any difference to Jesus even if they were already dead, Jesus still healed them and they rose up and walked.

Mark 6:54 through 56 tells us that ". . .**as many as touched him were made whole.**" Just the touching of Jesus garment was all it took to receive healing. As many means, "everyone" who touched Him was made whole.

Luke 4:40 says, "**Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.**" All those that had any sick with divers diseases brought them to Jesus. Jesus laid His hands on "every one of them" and healed them.

Luke 6:17 through 19 tells us that great multitudes came to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases and they were all healed. He healed them all.

Luke 9:11 tells us that Jesus ". . .**healed them that had need of healing.**"

JESUS HEALED THOSE WHO WERE NOT JEWS

In Matthew 8:5-13 it tells of a centurion who came to Jesus because of his sick servant. Jesus said of this centurion, He had not found so great a faith in all of Israel. Jesus spoke the Word and his servant was healed that very same hour.

Luke 7:2-10 tells us of a centurion that sent the elders of the Jews to Jesus beseeching Him that He would heal his sick servant. When Jesus was not far from the house the centurion sent friends to Jesus that He would just speak the Word and his servant would be healed. When the friends of the centurion returned to the house they found that the servant was healed.

Matthew 15:22-28 tells us of a woman of Canaan that came to Jesus because of her daughter who was grievously vexed with a devil. In verse twenty-eight it says, "**Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.**"

Mark 7:24-30 tells of a woman who was Greek, a Syrophenician by nation, who came to Jesus because of her daughter who as afflicted by a devil. Verses 27-30 says, "**But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.**"

Even though she was not a child of Israel, Jesus still cast the devil out of her daughter.

SIN DID NOT STOP JESUS FROM HEALING

Matthew 9:2-7 tells us of a man sick of the palsy; that was brought to Jesus lying on a bed. Verse two says, "**And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.**" Because of the doctrine of the scribes it says, "**And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?**" **But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed,**

and go unto thine house. "And he arose, and departed to his house." [Matt. 9:4-7] The same account is recorded in Mark 2:1-12.

We must remember that the blood of Jesus was shed for the sins of the whole world. Everyone's sins are under the blood of Jesus. This was declared from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). For those who are in covenant with God today, our sins are taken care of by following the procedure in 1st John 1:8-9. **"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

John 9:1-11 tells us of a man born blind. When the disciples asked about sin; Jesus did not take into account who sinned, He just healed the man of his blindness; that the works of God might be done in him.

JESUS HEALED THE RICH AND THOSE OF HIGH SOCIETY

John 4:46-53 tells us of a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. The nobleman went to Jesus and besought Him that He would heal his son. Verse fifty says, **"Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way."** It says that his son was healed that very same hour.

Mark 5:22-42 tells of a ruler of the synagogue, Jairus by name, who came to Jesus because his daughter was sick at the point of death. Before Jesus got to Jairus' house his daughter was already dead. Jesus prayed for her and she arose from the dead and walked.

Luke 8:41-42,49-56 gives the same account of Jairus' daughter being raised from the dead and healed.

JESUS HEALED PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW

Matthew 8:14-15 says, **"And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. "And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them."** Mark 1:30-34 gives the same account of healing Peter's mother-in-law.

JESUS HEALED THOSE WHO WERE UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE

Mark 5:25-30 tells us, **"And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, "And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, "When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. "For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. "And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? Verse thirty-four says, "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."**

Luke 8:43-48 tells us of the same account. This woman spent all her living upon physicians and was not any better. She had this disease for twelve years, and went to many physicians but they could not help her. It didn't make any difference if she went to physicians or took medication or not, Jesus still healed her. Jesus said to the woman, ". . .**thy faith hath made thee whole. . .**"

Doctors and medication cannot stop the LORD from healing. It doesn't make any difference if a person is under the care of a doctor or not. The Word of God works either way, under the care of a doctor or not. It doesn't make any difference if a person is on medication or not. The Word of God works either way, with medication or without medication.

Medication is only a means of supplying something the body needs at the time. Food is also a means of supplying what the body needs at the time. A person who needs food would not stop eating to receive from God; although fasting is a way to reach into the spirit realm at times. Medication cannot stop a person from receiving healing. Therefore, stopping from taking medication is not a way to receive healing. Healing is received by grace through faith, not of works. Stopping taking medication is works. Works will not heal anyone. If our faith is in God and His Word we will receive healing, medication or no medication. If our faith is in medication we may or may not be healed.

Faith is always better. Faith is God's way, by His grace and His Word. Faith is a sure way of receiving healing. Medication or no medication, food or no food; God's Word always works.

John 5:2-9 tells us of a man by the pool of Bethesda who was lying on a bed. He had an infirmity for thirty years. Verse six says, "**When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?**" Verses eight and nine says, "**Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.**" It says, ". . .**immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked.**" It didn't make any difference how long the man was sick, or why he was sick, or if he was under a doctors care or on medication or not. Jesus healed him by His Word.

Luke 7:12-15 tells us of a widow whose only son had already died. Jesus had compassion on her and raised her son from the dead. It says, "**Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.**"

In Mark 5:22-42 it tells of a ruler of the synagogue, Jairus by name, whose daughter was sick, nigh unto death. By the time Jesus got there she was already dead. Sickness caused her death. Sickness is not of God. Jesus is the Healer, He is the Word of God manifested in the flesh. The Word of God is here to destroy sickness and death. God is not the author of sickness; God is the healer. Sickness is a work of the devil. Death is a work of the devil. 1st Corinthians 15:26 says, "**The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**" If death is an enemy than it is not from God. If death comes by sickness then it is not from God. Sickness is the devils way of bringing about death. Both are enemies of God, and of the children of God.

A Child of God doesn't have to be sick to go to be with the LORD. They can just lay down their life, give up the ghost and go to be with the LORD. They do not have to be sick to give up the ghost. Sickness unto death is a way of letting Satan help someone to leave their body. Why let Satan help, why not let God help instead; He is our Father, not Satan.

Jesus is the healer, He is the Way, the Truth and the Life; not the death. Follow Jesus, not Satan. When Abraham was full of years, he gave up the ghost; and went to be with God. He was not sick; he died at a good old age, an old man, and full of years (Gen. 25:7-8). Abraham is our example, for we are in covenant with God through Abraham and Christ, the seed of Abraham. Even though Abraham gave up the ghost and died; Jesus said, "**Abraham is not dead, God is not the God of the dead but of the living**" (Luke 20:36-37).

Don't be deceived and let Satan put sickness upon you unto death. If you are sick, receive your healing by grace through faith, then if you want to go to be with the LORD, just simply give up the ghost and go to be with Jesus. You don't have to be sick to go to be with the LORD. Receive your healing first, then go to be with the LORD. To Jesus, you could be a person of high office, a religious leader, the mother-in-law of an apostle, a person under doctor's care, a person on medication, a rich person, a poor person, a widow; no matter who you are JESUS WILL HEAL YOU!

COMPARING WHAT JESUS DID TO THE WORD OF GOD

Jesus answered the prayer of the Greek woman, a Syrophenician by nation, and cast the devil out of her daughter (Mark 7:25-30). Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria was healed of leprosy (2nd Kings 5:1-14).

Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:22-42), the son of a widow woman (Luke 7:11-15), and Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44). Elisha raised the son of a woman from the dead (2nd Kings 4:18-37). Peter raised a woman by the name of Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:32-41). The centurion's servant was healed when Jesus spoke the Word (Matt. 8:5-13). A crippled man was healed as Paul spoke the Word (Acts 14:8-10).

Jesus healed many by the multitudes. God healed a multitude of the children of Israel as they left Egypt following the Passover (Ex. 12:37-38, Psa. 105:36-37).

God will confirm His Word through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Followers of Jesus saw healing in the Name of Jesus after His death and resurrection. In Acts 3:2-9, a man was healed at the gate Beautiful, as Peter used the name of Jesus of Nazareth. In Acts 5:12-16, multitudes were healed as Peter passed by. In Acts 8:5-13, many were healed as Philip preached the gospel in Samaria. In Acts 14:8-10, a man crippled from his mother's womb was healed when Paul spoke the Word. In Acts 28:8-9 the father of Publius was healed as Paul laid his hands on him.

PART III

HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR HEALING

The "most often" spoken of way to receive healing is by faith. In Matthew 8:5-13 it was the centurion's faith that brought healing to his servant. In Matthew 9:2-7 it was the faith of those who brought the man sick of the palsy to Jesus that caused Jesus to heal him. In Matthew 9:20-22 it was the faith of the woman with the issue of blood that caused her to receive healing. In Matthew 9:27-30, it was the faith of the two blind men that caused them to receive their sight. Mark 2:1-12 also mentions it was the faith of those who brought the man sick of the palsy that caused Jesus to heal him. Mark 5:25-34 also mentions it was the faith of the woman that made her whole from her plague, an issue of blood. Mark 10:46-52 says it was the faith of blind Bartimaeus that brought him sight. Luke 5:17-26 also tells us it was the faith of those who brought the man sick of the palsy to Jesus that brought about his healing. In Luke 7:2-10 it was the faith of the centurion that brought healing to his servant. In Luke 7:37-50, it was the faith of the woman sitting at Jesus feet that saved her. In Luke 8:43-48 it was the faith of the woman with an issue of blood that made her whole. In Luke 17:12-19, it was the faith of the leper that made him whole. In Luke 18:35-43 it was the faith of the blind man that brought his sight.

APPLYING WISDOM TO KNOWLEDGE

In this world Satan wants to control all circumstance. He has many devices and ways to try to control circumstances. Ephesians 4:27 says, "**Neither give place to the devil.**" James 4:7 says, ". . . **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**" Some of the attributes of Satan are pride, boasting, self-exaltation and, etc. These are not from God. From God there is plain and simple truth, courage, confession of truth without being ashamed, and etc.

The Bible says in Romans 10:9-10, "**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**" Salvation means, "deliverance from the works of the devil." Job 2:6-7 says, "**And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.**" Satan smote Job with sore boils! God didn't put the sickness on Job, Satan did. The LORD is the healer. A house divided against itself cannot stand (Matt. 12:25). Satan puts the sickness on people and the LORD heals them!

Sickness and disease are works of the devil. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power to heal all that the devil oppressed (Acts 10:38). All includes you if you need healing. Confession of the truth brings deliverance from sickness and disease.

By applying wisdom to our confession we will not give place to the devil. By not applying wisdom to knowledge we may be giving place to the devil. There is one rule that will help when it comes to receiving deliverance from sickness or disease, that is as Paul wrote in Romans 14:22, "**Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God . . .**"

If you desire healing for your body, it's between you and God. Satan is your enemy. Your confession of faith before God and Satan will bring deliverance. But, sometimes your confession without faith before men will bring on an attack from Satan. If you have faith, have it to yourself

before God. You don't have to tell everyone else before the manifestation to receive healing. Tell it to God, tell it to the devil, keep it to yourself unless asked to speak. Never deny the truth, but don't go beyond the bounds of truth.

Some try to receive healing through their confession, and faith is not yet there. Confession works when you believe in your heart. Romans 10:9 says, ". . . **and shalt believe in thine heart.** ." First believe in your heart then confess with your mouth unto salvation. If it is not fully settled in your heart, keep your mouth closed before men.

If someone asks you how do you feel? You don't have to give them the answer they are looking for. It's none of their business. If you are walking by faith, as it says in 2nd Corinthians 5:7, just tell them I don't go by how I feel. Stop there and don't give them any other information. They don't need a detailed explanation. If they are not listening to the Spirit of God they may be listening to the wrong spirit. Therefore, give no place for the devil. Your words are spirit, they can bring life or death, health or sickness; it's your choice by the words you speak. Confession before faith only helps you to hear the Word of God as you speak it out of your mouth. It helps to build your faith.

Some Christians, with good intention and a lack of wisdom always want to boast of their great faith before faith comes. Boasting is not of God. Self-exaltation is not of God. But faith and wisdom are of God. James teaches us to learn to bridle our tongue. Those who love to talk, open the door for the devil. Jesus did not give long explanations to what He did and why He did it. We don't have to give long explanations to what we believe and why we believe it either.

Sometimes we can learn from experience. There was a time when I broke my toe on a Saturday afternoon in a downtown apartment building. I drove home, took off my shoe and saw the swelling, the black and blue coloring of my foot. I felt the pain. When this happened my mind began to receive thoughts from the devil. I knew it was broken. I had experienced a broken bone in my body years ago. The pain of a broken bone is different than that of a sprain or torn ligament. The thought came to me, "I had better go to the hospital and get it x-rayed, to be sure the bone was in the right place. The second thought that went through my head was, when I do that the doctor will cut out the front of my shoe and put a bandage on my toe, and I will go around like that for about six weeks. Then the Spirit of God rose up within me and said, "*you don't have to do that, by His stripes you are healed, He bore your sickness and infirmities, tell the devil to take a jump*". Immediately I said, "Devil get out, I don't need this and you can't put this on me, by His stripes I am healed." "Jesus Himself took my infirmities and bare my sickness, so you can go take a jump. Thank you Jesus."

All this time I was alone in the house. I spoke words out-loud to the devil and I confessed before God my healing. Then I took a shower, dressed up, and went out for lunch. The thought again came to me to go to the hospital and have an x-ray, but then I said within myself, "why should I spend God's money for something I didn't need. God's Word is true and I am healed."

That day my foot was very sore but I kept on going. The person I went to lunch with said to me, "Merle, you should have stayed home, not be walking around on that foot." I just said, "don't worry about it, it's Ok."

The next day the soreness left. It was Sunday and I was in a Church that always asks for testimonies of those who God was doing a great work in their lives. It was common for people to confess before the evidence was there of what God was doing. Many of them never received the manifestation of what they confessed. By the grace of God, the opportunity was there for me to confess, but I kept quiet. I didn't give place for the devil.

On Monday evening I showed my foot to those at my house who were there for a share group meeting. All we could see was one red spot and a blue stripe mark where the break had been. Praise

the LORD for His word! By Tuesday all was back to normal, no red spot, no blue stripe.

On Friday, I showed my foot to a nurse friend of mine. I told her what had happened the Saturday before and how the foot came back to normal in three days. She said, "It had to be God, for in the natural it would take ten days to two weeks before the black and blue would be gone."

Wisdom, when to speak and when not to is important. Confession before God and the devil is important. Confession brings deliverance. Confession before men should be by the guidance of the Spirit of God within you. The Scripture says in Romans 8:14 **"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."** This leading of the Spirit of God should be a constant part of our life. The Spirit of God knows when to confess and when not to confess. The Spirit of God knows the difference between faith and pride, boasting or self-exhortation. Follow the leading of the Spirit of God and you will not give place for the devil. God will be glorified, and the devil will flee.

Too much confession before men may open the door for the devil. Don't give place for the devil. Instead give glory to God by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

HEALING BY LAYING ON OF HANDS

Jesus said in Mark 16:16-17, **"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 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."**

Healing can be received by the laying on of hands by any believer. But we must remember, it is the LORD that Heals not the person who lays hands upon the sick. It is done in the name of Jesus. No other name has been given whereby we can receive healing.

The person laying hands upon the sick is not the healer. He is no different than the one he laid his hands upon. God is not a respecter of persons. God will use any believer to lay hands upon the sick. It is not the person who does the healing, it is the spoken Word of God using the Name of Jesus.

Never look to the person who is laying on of hands. Never give credit to the person who is laying on of hands. Never receive credit for laying on of hands. It is all the Word of God and the LORD Jesus Christ that does the healing, not man. To receive healing by the laying on of hands, always look to Jesus and the Word of God as the healer, not the person who is laying on his hands.

HEALING BY CHILDLIKE FAITH

Jesus said in Matthew 18:3 ". . . **Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**" It is important to notice that Jesus said "become as little children," not become little children. We do not become little children to enter into the kingdom of heaven; we become as little children in receiving from God by grace through faith.

Let us take a familiar example. A little child who is playing with other children falls and hurts himself. Many times the child will run to his mother, crying, "it hurts." The mother will look at the child and say, "where does it hurt?" The child will say "here mommy," and point to the spot. Then the mother will say to the child, "let mommy kiss it and it will go away." She kisses the spot where the child points to and the child goes off to play. Why? Because the child wanted to play; when the

mother said it would go away the child believed her. Maybe it still hurt, but it didn't make any difference to the child. His mother said it would go away and the child believed her.

It is the truth that will set us free from sickness and disease. Jesus is the Truth. God's Word is Truth. When we come to Jesus, and accept His Word, like a little child, the sickness or disease will leave.

But it must be truth, not presumption. If there is pain in our body, it is there. The truth is, it is there! The truth also is, God's Word is greater than the pain. When God's Word is used the pain must leave. To deny that there is pain is not truth. To deny that the Word of God will cause the pain to leave is not truth.

Romans 4:17 says, "**(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**" It doesn't say the things that were there were not there. It says the things God calls to be were not there at the time. Sickness can be there. But call healing in place of sickness; healing comes and sickness goes.

2nd Corinthians 4:18 says, "**While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**" This is truth that works for those who believe. The things which we see are there, but they are temporal; they do exist, but they must go when the Word of God manifests itself in our lives. This applies in all areas of our life. Our outward man does perish, while our inward man is renewed day by day. The day will come when we will put off this temporal body which is mortal, and put on a new in body, which is immortal (1 Cor. 15:51-54).

Yet the Word of God also promises us, through a covenant with God; healing for our mortal bodies. Therefore, if we look not upon that which is seen, but upon that which is promised, by faith; healing is ours. The temporal sickness or disease must leave and healing will come instead. It says in 2nd Corinthians 5:7, "**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**" Faith in the Word of God causes the manifestation of that which is not seen to replace that which was seen.

Let us see what faith does to sickness. In Mark 5:25-34, the woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, and had gone to many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was not any better when she came to Jesus. This woman was sick. She had a disease for twelve years. No one said that she was not sick. When she came to Jesus and touched His garment she had faith for healing. She had faith to change that which was seen to that which was not seen. After she touched Jesus garment the fountain of blood was dried up. It was not dried up until she touched Jesus garment. When she touched His garment, believing she would be healed from that which did exist she received healing. Jesus said to her, ". . . **Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.**" [Mark 5:34] Jesus said, ". . . **thy faith hath made thee whole.**" She was not whole before, but her faith made her whole. She believed that which was not seen over that which was seen. And that which was seen gave place of that which was not seen.

That is how childlike faith works. The condition does exist; but faith causes the Word of God to overcome the condition. To change what does exist to that which does not exist.

God's Word is more powerful than the condition of sickness or disease. God's Word will change sickness and disease to health. Sickness and disease do exist, but the Word of God is more powerful; when applied with faith the sickness or disease must leave.

How do we apply the Word of God so that sickness or disease must leave? Just like we apply the Word of God to sin. The Word of God says, we have forgiveness of sins by the blood that Jesus shed for us. He took our sins upon Himself that we might receive the righteousness of God in Him.

When we believe this, we confess our sins and God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1st John 1:7-10). If we believe our confession sets us free, then we are free.

The same applies to sickness or disease. The Bible says, "**Jesus bore our sickness and infirmities, and by His stripes we were healed.**" If we believe that Jesus took our sickness upon Himself by His stripes; then sickness must go. It doesn't belong to us, Jesus took it upon Himself that we could be free of sickness or disease. Just like Jesus took our sins, He also took our sickness or diseases. Just as our sins are taken away so shall our sickness or disease be taken away.

We had sins, and Jesus took them away with His blood. We had sickness or disease and Jesus took them away with His stripes. It is our faith that will make us whole. Just like that woman with the issue of blood, her faith made her whole. Our faith through God's grace will make us whole.

The way to get the faith to receive like a child receives from their parents is to get to know God and His Word so well that we believe. The child gets to know his mother so well that he believes her. When the child believes, he goes about as though there was no pain, and the pain leaves. The same applies to faith for healing. When we go about believing, the sickness or disease leaves.

But, we don't get it by our own ability. Jesus Himself said in John 5:19, "**. . .The Son can do nothing of Himself. . .**" And in John 5:30 He said, "**I can of mine own self do nothing. . .**" If we get prideful and go about saying, "Bless God I am healed!" We may go for many years with that same sickness or disease in our body. Pride will not cause the Word of God to manifest itself in our lives. But when we come as a child and confess according to our faith, we will receive according to our faith.

Our faith will make us whole, not pride that we can do it. But faith that Jesus, Who is the healer, has already done it for us. He already bore our sickness or diseases in His body; by His stripes we are healed.

Jesus said in John 15:5, "**. . .For without Me you can do nothing.**" This is the attitude we must have, without Jesus we can do nothing. It is not what we did; but, what Jesus did for us. If Jesus had not taken our sickness or disease upon Himself we could not receive healing by His stripes. It is not something we can do without what Jesus has already done.

Faith is not prideful. Faith is humbling ourselves, believing that God's Word is true, according to His ability to bring His Word into manifestation.

Faith is applied to what we believe. If we hold onto our faith the manifestation will take place. We continue to believe until faith causes the manifestation to come. If we watch Jesus carefully, the manifestation always comes to pass as faith is applied. As soon as the woman touched Jesus garment the issue of blood dried up. Not a few hours or days later; but the very moment she touched His garment it happened. Hope, believing, confidence, and faith is from the time we say we believe until faith takes over and the manifestation takes place. Hebrews 11:1 says, "**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**" Hebrews 10:35 says, "**Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.**"

As we learn to apply faith on the bases of NOW FAITH IS! It will come into manifestation immediately. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing, and hearing the Word of God. We must overcome religious teachings and doctrines of men; accepting what Jesus has already done for us, then faith will work for us.

If we do not discern the body of Christ as Himself bare our sickness or disease by the stripes He took before His death on the Cross we will not receive our healing through the proper

discernment. There are many Christians sick today because they have let teachings of men steal the truth of the Word of God from them. This should not be among Christians.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR FAITH FOR HEALING

Read this book over, and over, and over until you have it settled in your mind and heart, that; God wants to heal you! God wants to heal you NOW! Jesus is the Healer! The Word of God brings healing! You can be Healed! You will be Healed! YOU WILL BE HEALED NOW!

Jesus once said in Matthew 6:6 "**But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**" Be wise, pray out loud in your prayer closet where others do not hear you. God will answer your prayer if it's between you and God. If it is sincere, from your heart, not looking for others to know you are praying. Confess the Word of God before God; come boldly before the throne of God and make your request known to God. Open confession before God in secret helps build your faith.

Faith is NOW (Hebrews 11:1). When you have the truth settled in your mind and heart you will receive your healing.

Continuous open confession before men after you have received the manifestation will help to prevent Satan from bringing it back. You can maintain your healing by open confession before God, the devil, and man.

For years, when I would awake in the morning and get the feeling I was coming down with some type of sickness. The first thing I would do was say, "devil, you know I am healed; Jesus knows I am healed; I know I am healed; so you can take a jump; I'm going to work." Shortly after I got to work the symptom would leave. Most of the time the symptom would not leave right when I spoke the words, but always after I got to work or was on my way to work.

THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER

The Holy Spirit can, and will help us receive healing. Romans 8:11 says, "**But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**" Your mortal body is the one you live in at this time. After you have gone to be with the LORD you will have an immortal body. The Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will also quicken (make alive; bring to health) your mortal body.

Faith can be received by praying in the Holy Ghost. It says in Jude 1:20 "**But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.**" Praying in the Holy Ghost can build up your faith to receive healing. For it is by grace through faith that you receive healing (Eph. 2:8-9).

PART IV

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CAUSES OF NOT RECEIVING HEALING?

Doubt and unbelief are the most frequent causes of not receiving healing. In Matthew 13:54-58 it says, **"And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? "Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? "And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? "And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."** Mark 6:1-6 tells us of the same account.

It wasn't because Jesus didn't want to heal them. Jesus wants to heal everyone, no matter where they are from, or who they are. It wasn't that Jesus tried and it didn't work. Jesus didn't even try to heal those with unbelief. He knew they did not believe. Jesus only healed a few who would believe He wanted to heal them.

Faith only operates when we know the truth. Jesus wants to heal everyone. Jesus will heal anyone who will believe. It is by grace through faith that we can and will be healed. In Mark 9:23-27 A man brought his son to Jesus to have a spirit cast out of him. **"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. "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. "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. "But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose."**

If we have unbelief it can be overcome by the Word of God. Jesus wants us to overcome our unbelief. Jesus wants to heal us. Unbelief can stop the work of God in our lives. We need to overcome unbelief by faith. Romans 10:17 says, **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** Faith comes by hearing, and hearing, and hearing, and hearing the Word of God. Faith does not come by hearing anything contrary to the Truth of the Word of God.

OTHER CAUSES OF NOT RECEIVING HEALING

1st Corinthians 11:28-31 says, **"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."**

The LORD's body was given for our healing. Just as the body of the lamb was given for the children of Israel at the Passover (Ex. 13:5-13), the body of our LORD Jesus Christ was given for the healing of our bodies. Matthew 8:17 says, **"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."** 1st Peter

2:24 says, **"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."**

If we let the religious people of today tell us that this does not mean healing for our bodies it will bring doubt and unbelief. If we believe it does mean healing for our bodies then we will receive faith to receive our healing.

The Devil uses religious people to bring about doubt and unbelief; **God uses His Word to bring about faith.**

Today, among the Christians there are many sickly, and many have passed on from this life because they have not discerned the body of Jesus Christ the way the children of Israel discerned the body of the lamb the night of the Passover.

If we would judge ourselves based upon grace, and the covenant we have with God through Jesus Christ, the seed of Abraham; and rightly discern the body of the LORD we could be without sickness in our bodies.

Healing for our bodies has been purchased and paid for by Jesus Christ. It is a free gift to all of God's children by a covenant that God made with Abraham, and is ours through Christ. Our problem is we don't know our covenant rights according to the Word of God. God's Word is our covenant explained. We need to get to know our covenant rights by God's Word.

Unforgiveness can hinder faith, and cause one not to receive their healing. Jesus said in Mark 11:26, **"But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."** We must be like our Father in heaven, forgiving others as He forgave us.

Passing judgement upon another can hinder faith and cause one not to receive their healing. Jesus said in Matthew 7:1-2, **"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."** Jesus said He came not to judge the world; therefore we ought not also to judge another.

We must judge ourselves that we be not judged; but receive of God all that He has for His children, that includes healing for our physical bodies here on earth.

HOW SATAN TRIES TO STOP HEALING

Satan works on our mind (2nd Cor. 4:4). Satan puts thoughts in our mind to stop the power of God from working in our life. Satan tries to steal the Word of God from us. Jesus said in Mark 4:15-19 **"And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful."**

These things the devil uses to steal your healing; lack of knowledge of the Word of God, persecution by others around you, and the cares of this world.

If you are a child of God, set aside the cares of this world and receive your healing. Don't be a fool! Those of this world will go to a hospital and get away from the things of this world to receive their healing. You too, should get away from the cares of this world and get into the Word of God

to receive your healing. The cares of this world and those around you will stop you from receiving your healing.

If you are among the unfortunate who let the world talk you into a Television Set or a daily News Paper; you may be wise to get rid of them. If you need healing for your body you don't need to know what the world is doing. You don't need to see how the world is living or how the world does things. Romans 12:2 says, "**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**"

You need to know what God is saying through His Word. 1st John 2:15 says, "**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**" If you really desire healing for your body, learn to love the Father and His Word. Get the love of the Father in you, not the things of this world. Many will not believe that a Television Set or News Paper can prevent them from receiving healing. These are the same people who are sickly and can't understand why God does not heal them.

God is not a man that He should lie. His Word is truth! Receive it as truth and be healed of all your sicknesses and diseases. In the name of Jesus Christ, "BE HEALED!"

FELLOWSHIP WITH UNBELIEVERS

Faith will manifest faster where there is no unbelief or doubt. The unbelief and doubt of others can cause you to loose your faith. So, get yourself aside from all unbelievers and increase your faith by reading over, and over, and over the Word of God in this book. Then RECEIVE YOUR HEALING BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH!

Get rid of unbelievers, those who cast doubt upon your healing. Just being in the presence of those who are in doubt can effect your healing. Take the example of Jesus. When He went into the house of Jairus' daughter; He sent out of the house all those who would not believe. He got rid of all the unbelievers first, then He spoke the Word of Faith.

Who is an unbeliever? An unbeliever is anyone who does not believe that God want's to heal you completely, by His love, grace, and mercy. 2nd Corinthians 6:14 says, "**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. . .**" Verses fourteen through sixteen explain that God cannot have fellowship with unbelievers. Then in verse seventeen it says, "**Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord. . .**"

Satan will use whosoever he can to prevent you from receiving your healing. Even your pastor could be a full gospel, Spirit filled, Christian, yet still be an unbeliever when it comes to the LORD healing your body. If that be the case, you may need a new pastor, or even a new church.

If those around you don't believe, they could hinder your receiving healing. When you desire healing for your body, you are coming against the work of devil. The devil is the god of this world; he controls the world by thoughts he puts in the minds of people. He will put thoughts in the minds of everyone, including Christians, hoping they will receive them. The Scripture says in 2nd Corinthians 10:5, "**Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.**"

Every child of God must bring their thoughts into captivity to the obedience of Christ. That includes the pastors of churches. That also includes you, if you want healing for your body. If those around you aren't willing to control their thoughts according to the Truth of the Word of God, they

will only make it more difficult for you to receive your healing. Separate yourself from them, have no fellowship with unbelievers. Find yourself someone who will believe the Truth of the Word of God and separate yourself from those who do not believe. Receive your healing by grace through faith.

If you have any of "Job's comforters" around you, separate yourself from them. You don't need comfort in sickness. You need healing. You don't need someone who feels sorry for you. You don't need a pity party. You need healing for your body! Job's comforters were not looking for Job's healing. If there is anyone who is not looking for your complete healing of your body around you, separate yourself from them.

Don't be a person of compassion for those who don't believe insomuch that they affect your healing. God loves the world, and those in the world; but unbelief is a work of the devil. God does not love the work of the devil. It is God who said, come out from among the unbelievers. If you desire healing for your body, obey God.

God is a God of the NOW. God works in the NOW. God will heal you NOW, if you will obey His voice. If you have compassion for the unbeliever, first separate yourself from them and receive your healing. Then go to them HEALED, and minister to them the Truth of the Word of God. Then you will be helping them insomuch as they will believe because of your faith, which made you whole. Get healed first, then minister to those who are unbelievers.

If you were going to a doctor in the world and he didn't know what he was doing; you would get a different doctor fast. The same applies to spiritual advise. Get your spiritual advise from someone who does know what they are doing. Start from the top down. Start with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. They believe in your complete healing of your body. Then find a pastor who believes in your complete healing for your body. Then find other Christian friends who believe in your complete healing for your body. When we talk about healing, we're talking about life and death. It may be a hard decision to choose new friends. It's your life! You must choose, healing or sickness?

If your friends do not believe in your complete healing you don't need them. Find someone who does believe. Jesus said in Mark 16:16-18, "**And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name. . .they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**"

If they believe, they shall lay hands on the sick and the sick shall recover. Yet, unbelief can stop the flow of healing power. Remember, in Jesus' own country He could do no mighty works because of their unbelief. So you also must believe when hands are laid upon you. If the two of you believe it will be done unto you; you will recover.

Believing must be from the heart, not just the head. Faith always comes from the heart, not the head. God has dealt to every born again child of God a measure of faith; (Rom. 12:3) you must use that faith to receive from God. For without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6).

FAITH LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

Most of the Children of God miss their healing because they don't think they have faith. They are waiting for some great move of God, like a lightening bolt, and earth quake, a loud thunder, a voice from heaven. God is in those who are His own (2nd Cor. 6:16). He speaks with a "still small voice."

In Luke 17:5-6 it says, "**And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the**

Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." The Apostles of Jesus wanted more faith. But Jesus said "if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it shall obey you!" It is not how much faith you have, it is what you do with the faith God has dealt to you. Unto whom much is given much shall be required (Luke 12:48). That's God's Word also. Faith must be exercised to be effective. Faith without action is dead. You can have faith, but if you don't use it, it will not produce any results in your life. You must act upon faith for it to work for you.

If faith as a grain of mustard seed can move a sycamine tree, how much faith will it take to be healed of any sickness or any disease? The same amount of faith as it takes to move a sycamine tree by the roots will also bring healing to your body. A child of God doesn't always need an increase of faith, they need to know how to use what they have.

Faith has substance and it has evidence (Heb. 11:1). But all the substance and evidence you need is a small indication from your inner being, a quickening of your spirit, an indication that God is doing His part. Then you apply action to your faith you will receive whatsoever you desire.

Oh, so many of God's children do not receive their healing because they do not add action to their faith. Faith and the Word of God work together. Faith comes from hearing; that is, hearing the Word of God. Many times faith rises up in you when a thought comes to your mind from your spirit, "by His stripes I am healed." That's faith working in you, to perform that which God desires for you. One time I was taking a cake out of the oven. The oven was 400 degrees, the cake pan was made of aluminum. My hand touched the cake pan and got burned. You could smell burnt flesh throughout the kitchen. As quickly as I got burned, the words came to my mind from my spirit, "Thank you Jesus, by Your stripes I am healed." I spoke the words out of my mouth and went about my business. I almost forgot that my hand got burned until about noon that day. I looked at my hand and there was no mark, no evidence of any sort that it ever was anything except whole.

Faith works, but you must act upon it when the Spirit of God quickens it to you. Faith can be so minuet that we miss it. If we would act upon it healing would come, sometimes instantly. Don't wait for earth shaking faith, act upon the still small voice, an indication from your inner being; a word from within you saying "I am healed." A Word from the LORD inside of you is more powerful than anything the devil can come against you with. The Word of the LORD is so powerful, it created the whole world (Heb. 11:3). That Word of the LORD inside of you can bring healing to your body.

God loves you. God wants to heal you. God will do His part if you do your part. God furnishes the grace (Eph. 2:8-9), the faith (Rom. 12:3, Heb. 12:2); you must apply the action. You must act upon your faith.

When faith arises, there is always peace, not confusion. God is not the author of confusion. Faith produces love, peace, joy, and etc. within your spirit. Learn how to know the voice of the Spirit within you, that brings faith, from the Word of God. Like a tree, it starts from a seed. It starts with something very small and grows to a very large object. Start using your faith on small things and let it continue to take on greater challenges. Healing is just a little thing for God. Start with healing for your body, and then go on to bigger things.

Stay in the Word of God which brings faith, then when that still small voice rises up in you, act upon it and receive your healing.

FAITH OR FOOLISHNESS

Just like anything else God has for His children, Satan has a counterfeit. God has faith for you, Satan has foolishness. Some will tell you, "do this or do that as an act of faith." Acting is not the true faith. We don't act to get faith, we act because we have faith. An actor is someone who plays the part of another. Don't try to play someone else's part, that's foolishness. Act on your faith, not on someone else's faith or their advise. Act upon the Word of God from within you.

Some will say, "so and so did this, or that, and he got healed." Well, you're not so and so. You don't know all the circumstance that so and so went through. You don't know all the details that led up to so and so's healing. Don't try to walk in someone else's shoes. God has given you His Word, you can get your healing from doing what God tells you to do in His Word, not by what someone else did. Don't follow what man does, follow the Word of God.

If man tells you to do what seems right and peaceable in your spirit, and agrees with the Word of God, then do it. But, don't do it if you do not have peace in your spirit.

Many times I have had to tell other, well meaning Christians, I don't go by what so and so did, I go by the Word of God. I praise God that what so and so did worked in his life; but I am not so and so.

There are many good stories about how so and so received his healing. Some have said, so and so threw away his medicine and God healed him. That's great! Wonderful! But God maybe told him to throw away his medicine, you don't know. Throwing medicine away could be tempting God. Jesus said, "**...Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy God**" (Matt. 4:7). When someone tells you to throw away your medication, be sure you have peace in your spirit from God before you throw it away. It may be the devil tempting you to tempt God into healing you. Don't try to force God to do anything. God cannot be forced. God should not be tempted.

God loves you, He will heal you **ACCORDING TO HIS WORD.** Not according to someone else's advise that doesn't bring peace to your spirit. If you stay in the Word of God, and you get to know the voice of the Spirit of God within you; you will receive your healing.

Don't be a fool, just trust and obey God, and the still small voice within you.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR HEALING

Healing is a part of Salvation. Jesus said in Matthew 18:11 "**For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.**" Man was created perfect in the day that he was created (Gen. 1:31). Sickness and disease came because of a work of the devil in the garden of Eden when Adam sinned and came short of the glory of God. 1st John 3:8 says, "**. . .For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**"

In Exodus 23:25, the LORD said through Moses, "**And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.**" In Exodus 15:26, the LORD said, "**. . .If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put (permit) none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.**"

Today we live under a better covenant than the law of Moses. Today we have the blood of

the Lamb shed for our sins. The body of the Lamb, given for the healing of our bodies (He bore our sickness and by His stripes we are healed). We can put away sickness and disease and keep our healing by following the same procedure as we do for sins in 1st John 1:7-10.

It says **"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."**

To receive and maintain our healing we can use the same procedure, "Walk in the light, and have fellowship with the Father and the Son." Through fellowship with the Father and the Son He will not permit sickness or disease to dwell in our bodies. Through fellowship with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit will help and guide us to maintain our health.

We can receive healing the same way we receive forgiveness of sins. **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** Through fellowship with the Father and the Son, if we use the name of Jesus (as the Holy Spirit helps us and guides us), we will be cleansed from all sickness and disease. It is through fellowship with the Father and the Son that the Holy Spirit helps and guides us in everything.

If we walk in the light of the Word of God, knowing we are not of this world, but in the world to do the will of God, "just as Jesus was in the world to do the will of the Father (John 17:18)" His Word will not permit sickness or disease in our bodies.

The name of Jesus was given to all who believe to "cast out devils and heal the sick (Mark 16:16-17)." By the help of the Holy Spirit we can maintain our healing by using the name of Jesus. The word "Christ," means "the anointed one." We are "the body of Christ" here on earth. We are anointed with the Holy Ghost and power to cast out devils and heal the sick (this includes sickness or disease in our own bodies as well).

By walking in the light of the Word of God, we have fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is our Helper, Guide, Comforter, and Teacher. He will guide us into all truth and the Truth will set us free of all sickness and disease.

Study the Epistles of John over, and over. Walk in the light of the Word, and have fellowship with the Father and the Son. Our walk in the light will not permit sickness and disease to dwell in our bodies.

Continue in the TRUTH of the Word of God until faith arises in your heart. Don't give in. Don't give up.