



## ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!

### QUESTION: "HOW DO I TEACH HEALING?"

#### ANSWER: "CHRISTIANS HAVE PERFECT HEALING FROM SIN"

##### EXPLANATION:

Many Christians believe that because they are saved, then their physical health is automatically promised and can be claimed. This is wrong.

##### So what happens?

Lots attend many healing services with world famous TV `healers', repeating all the `health' scriptures they can, praying, crying out to God, fasting, striking deals with God ...you know – "I'll serve you all my life if you heal me" or "I'll give money to prove I have faith" ... you've heard it all. But no healing occurs.

##### But wasn't Israel given perfect health

Yes, but they were under a two way deal (a covenant) with God and if they kept their side of the bargain, God would bless them with health and wealth (Deuteronomy 30).

##### But aren't Christians under a new covenant having replaced Israel

No. The word "covenant" is always a term used for Israel and never for the Christian. People misread "... Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:**" ([Heb 8:8](#)). This only takes place in the coming seven year tribulation ([Jer 31:31](#); [Heb 8:9-13](#)).

##### But aren't Christians spiritual Israel?

No, Paul talks about the Jew in [Romans 2:28-29](#) but Christians misread it as: "I've been circumcised in the heart so that makes me a spiritual Jew and therefore I can claim Israel's physical and wealth promises for myself." The truth is as follows:

GOD PROMISED ISRAEL	GOD PROMISES THE CHRISTIAN
Promise of health or wealth	No promise of health or wealth
No promise of eternal security	Promise of eternal secur

##### So how does the Christian get healed?

It comes as a massive surprise to most Christians, that Christians are to get their gospel, their doctrine on everything, including healing, out of Paul's twelve books which are Romans to Philemon and **not** the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, 1&2 Peter, 1,2,3 John, Hebrews, James, Jude and Revelation.

As Paul says **Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.** ([1 Cor 11:1](#)); ... **my**

**doctrine** ([2 Tim 3:10](#)); teach **no other doctrine** ([1Tim 1:3](#)); ... **my gospel** ([2 Tim 2:8](#)); ... **the gospel... committed to my trust.** ([1 Tim 1:11](#)); ... **a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.** ([1Cor 9:17](#)).

**But aren't we being blasphemous when you say Christians follow Paul not Christ?**

No. Paul says the opposite *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ* ([1 Cor 11:1](#)). As we follow Paul with his outline of Christian doctrine, we become more like Jesus Christ in character and behaviour. As Christians, we absolutely follow Christ, and **Paul shows us how** to do this.

**So what's all this mean?**

Christians cause themselves much pain and heartache in attempting to claim the promises of healing, health and wealth that were given only to the Jew under the old testament.

**What about the verse ... 'with his stripes we are healed'?**

This following verse has caused more grief and agony for sick Christians than any other. *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.* ([Isaiah 53:5](#))

Why? The healing spoken of here, is the **healing from sins** and not physical healing. Turn to [1 Peter 2:24](#) and the meaning is explained "*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.**"*

**What about the physical healing of [Matt 8:17](#) which is a quote from [Is 53:4-5](#)?**

There are two meanings for [Is 53:4](#) and absolutely no contradiction. Prior to the cross, Jesus claims this as physical healing but after the cross, the promise is **only** healing for sins.

**What about casting out the devils of sickness and disease?**

Satan can be used as an excuse. Indeed, God sets out a severe warning for Christians "***For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged ... many are weak and sickly ... and many sleep*** (die) ([1 Cor 11:3,25-32](#)). Devils are not involved.

**So do you think Christians bring their own sicknesses on themselves?**

Yes and no. Many sick and diseased Christians have bad diets and immoral practices and simply haven't judged themselves. There is no devil to be cast out, because it's simply their lazy flesh that's caused them trouble. If you believe devils are involved, it could be that Christians are leaving some 'mind windows' open and are doing, believing, watching or being involved in something they shouldn't be.

But Paul had a 'thorn in the flesh'

He did, but there was a reason God blessed Paul with a physical illness. "*... lest I should be exalted .... I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*" ([2Cor 12:7,8,9](#)). Paul knew his salvation didn't guarantee health or wealth. It was to God's glory that Paul had this condition, and Paul knew it, even though in his case it was a messenger of Satan, which God allowed anyhow.

**But Paul did miracles didn't he?**

Yes, but he left Trophimus sick at Miletum ([2Tim 4:20](#)). He couldn't heal him!

**What about the multi-million dollar industry of the famous TV/faith/ charismatic healers, are they wrong?**

Speaking plainly, **all** of them are frauds, super salesmen or slick con-artists. People with a limp are met at the door, sat in wheel chairs and placed in the front row. When Benny Hinn waves his hands, they are told to get up.

**"But I've seen broken arms healed!"**

No you haven't. But you got told by a friend who got told by a friend who was told by his

friend that he saw it happen. Do people go to these healing meetings with broken limbs and bones without having gone to the doctor first? Of course not. They arrive with arms in casts and already on the way to getting healed.

### **So why wouldn't Benny Hinn and other pretend healers, just visit some old people's homes and hospitals and pick up a few cool million dollars**

Good question. Answer? The people of the world instantly recognize frauds and shysters, but the Christian is easily fooled. Despite being well intentioned, the 'christian' healer cannot, or will not, discern God's word on healing for today. Why? It's not as impressive and the dollars aren't there.

What about the sick saints of old days?

Are men and women of today more spiritual than the following saints? No. Tyndale (prison sickness), Elliot (lifetime sick), Crosby (blind), Knox (lifetime sick), Bradbury (tuberculosis TB), Toplady (TB), Doddridge (TB), Adams (TB), Bunyan (disease), McCheyne (lung), Brainard (lung) and Natts (acute physical suffering).

### **Why wouldn't God heal them?**

Only he knows, but like Paul, we can get our 'attitude' right. He says *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore **will I rather glory in my infirmities**, that the **power of Christ may rest upon me**." ([2 Cor 12:9](#)).*

### **Can Christians pray for health?**

Of course, and you can pray for a million dollars if you like, but it's **not** a promise of the gospel. You can ask for health, and wealth, according to God's will, but be like the leprous man saying *"...if thou wilt..."* ([Lk 5:12](#)) and also *"...ask anything according to his will..."* ([1n 5:14](#)). We may not understand God's purposes regarding our health, but we can take comfort in the fact that the Judge of all the earth shall do right ([Gen 18:25](#)).

### **Dear reader...**

If you are saved, you've got everything – all sins are forgiven and you have eternal security. Until we have resurrected bodies, all men will continue to have sicknesses/diseases, grow old and die. But God says *"...though our outward man **perish**, yet **the inward man is renewed day by day**." ([2 Corinthians 4:16](#)). You must praise him for that, and you must go further with *"Giving thanks always for all things ..."* ([Eph 5:20](#))*

"If anyone could tell you the shortest and surest way to happiness and perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for **everything** that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing." - **William Law**, an English minister

"I thank God for my handicaps, for through them I have found myself, my work and my God" – **Helen Keller**. (Although blinded as a child Helen Keller wrote over 2,000 Christian hymns)

### **Dear Pastor ...**

- 1.** You lie if you say "Come to Jesus to get saved and he'll give you physical healing."
- 2.** You lie if you promise sick Christian people physical healing.
- 3.** You can **only** promise healing from sin with eternal security and that's all. Otherwise, you'll have false converts who will fall away under sickness. Why? They came for the wrong reasons.
- 4.** Dear Pastor, your ignorance will be no excuse despite your good intentions. You must preach and teach Paul's gospel and his doctrine on healing.

**A STORY:**

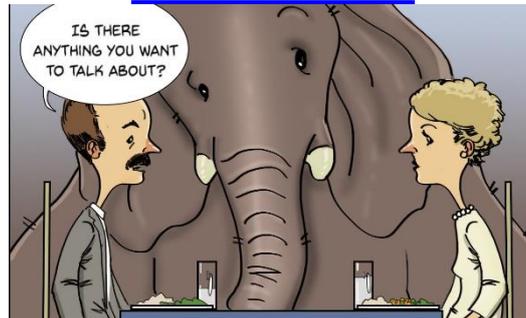
A crippled girl was asked by a doctor to let him treat her. After a pause, her answer was "I don't think I had better" she said. "You see I have grown to love Jesus very much, because he is such a strength to me in my weakness. I am afraid that if I were made well, there might be chance of my loving him less."

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