

The Cross: The Finished Work

*When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **IT IS FINISHED...**
John 19:30*

The sixth hour was fast approaching as his body, pinned and nailed, continued to hang suspended between heaven and earth... between God and man. The mockers mocked and the scorners scorned but he reviled not again and yet silently He will not suffer. From His quivering lips His voice is heard seven times in six hours according to the record of Holy writ. As death tightened its embrace, once again He's about to speak. He pushes forward and upward on the cold steel spikes and with the gargling sounds like that of a drowning man He cries out... "**IT IS FINISHED!**" Some caught the scene and many stopped to listen. They heard His words but missed His voice as they thought to themselves, "Just another dying man offering up a weary sigh".

Oh, how deaf they truly were! His was not the final song of the weary, although weary He truly was. His was the cry of **VICTORY!!** He is bloodied and bruised, mocked and scorned, but the battle has been won, the war is ceased and the victory secured!

There He hangs upon Calvary's tree having completely spoiled every throne, dominion and principality. Through death, the inspired record clearly states, he destroyed him that has the power of death! It has indeed come to pass, the seed of the woman has crushed the head of the old serpent, just as God had promised those two who had become fallen and fearful centuries before. Yes, this is God's lamb now being offered up and a system of sacrifices are about to cease in Him. Because the crimson tide that flows from this fount is able to make pure white the darkest of hearts among the sons of men.

And yet, to understand this finished work we must not leave the scene too quickly. We must set our gaze a little longer and look just a little deeper and with the eyes of faith begin to see... That it pleased God to bruise Him as He laid upon Him the INIQUITY OF US ALL! Yes, it was not only Jesus, but Adam the last who has died! By faith on that middle tree, in addition to a loving Saviour, it's me that I now see!

*If upon the middle tree, there our Saviour we do see, then forgiveness shall
abound toward us, so rich and full and free.
But if upon that middle cross, it's ourselves we fully see, then in addition
to forgiveness found,
It's Freedom! Glorious Freedom that awaits both you and me !!*

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Romans 6:6

To properly understand the “***Benefits of the Cross***” and the “***Finished***” work of Calvary, let us now consider more closely the suffering and subsequent death of Jesus upon the cross and it’s impact upon our lives.

As you will see, it’s through the cross where the believer is both **JUSTIFIED** and **LIBERATED** from the devastating effects of all sin.

PART A. THE CROSS: THE FINISHED WORK

1. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE ‘BENEFITS OF THE CROSS’ AND THE ‘FINISHED’ WORK?

This tells us that the suffering and subsequent death of Jesus upon the cross brought to completion, ‘***PAYMENT IN FULL***’ for the indebtedness of man’s sin. As far as God is concerned, the price has been paid in full and now there remains special redemptive provisions (benefits) of the cross for a believing man or woman to experience by faith.

*“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **IT IS FINISHED**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” John 19:30*

“Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross.” Colossians 2:14 AMP

- Matthew 20:28

Jesus became our ‘***ransom***’ (the full price paid for our redemption and salvation). He became our sin, and took the wrath of God upon himself in our place.

The very idea of man needing a ransom was continually reinforced by God throughout the entire Old Testament with all of its blood sacrifices.

In addition, God also required that each man would give a half shekel of silver as ‘ransom’ money for his own soul during the time of census (*Exodus 30:12-16*). Notice, it was the same price for every man, whether rich or poor.

This silver shekel would be given as payment for the priests and be regarded as ‘atonement’ for their own souls, it was meant to continually reinforce their new identity. And that being they were, “***The Redeemed of the Lord***”, having been freed from Egypt, “The house of bondage”.

The blood of Jesus is the same price paid for the actual redemption of every man’s soul. We too must see ourselves as, “***The Redeemed of the Lord***”.

*“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. But with the **PRECIOUS BLOOD** of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:18-19*

2. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO US THROUGH HIS SUFFERING AND DEATH ON THE CROSS?

The Bible clearly identifies four important and distinct benefits that Jesus Christ purchased for us at Calvary. They are:

- A. **Forgiveness of sins (Transgressions)**
- B. **Freedom From Iniquities**
- C. **Peace of Mind and Heart**
- D. **Healing for the entire man, including our bodies**

*“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*

3. HOW MAY WE APPROPRIATE (*take to ourselves*) THESE BENEFITS AND EXPERIENCE THEM PERSONALLY AND TRULY?

Once we know (*by revelation knowledge*) that Jesus Christ has made these benefits available to us, then by faith we can receive them into our lives.

Read *Romans 10:14-17* and in your own words briefly describe what is being taught?

*“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**” Romans 8:32*

*“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” 2 Peter 1:3-4*

As you can see, through the FINISHED WORK of Jesus Christ, all has been provided for our full and total salvation (deliverance). We need to grow in the knowledge of it, believe it and then by faith walk in it.

*“Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it.” Hebrews 4:1-2*

PART B. WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS

4. WHAT IS MEANT BY TRANSGRESSIONS?

The word, ‘*transgressions*’ means to rebel against God’s law and to cross a line or a boundary. It describes those actual sins that we commit that are against the known will of God.

5. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE PHRASE, “WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS?”

It was by the “**WOUNDING**” (*shedding of blood*) of Jesus, where a legal basis for the complete and total forgiveness for every act of sin was provided.

*“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you **the forgiveness of sins.**” Acts 13:38*

*“In whom we have redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace.” Ephesians 1:7*

A. All Sin Was To Be Punished By Death

*“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: **the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**” Ezekiel 18:4*

*“**For the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23*

*“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; **and without shedding of blood is no remission.**” Hebrews 9:22*

B. Jesus Shed His Blood In our Place

Jesus took our place and shed His own blood for us. Therefore, full provision has been made and we now can be “**legally**” released and “**declared**” free from every curse and penalty of sin that we have committed (past), or might commit (future).

- 2 Corinthians 5:21

*“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth **to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness**: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” Romans 3:24-26*

In the Greek language, the word, “Propitiation” is the same word used for “Mercy Seat” (Hebrews 9:5). The Mercy Seat was the lid that covered the ark. Without the lid, man would be fully exposed to all of the requirements and subsequent penalty of the law. This was the place that God said He would dwell (Psalm 80:1) and the place from which God said He would speak to Moses or to the High Priest (Exodus 25:22).

Each year, when the High Priest sprinkled the blood upon the Mercy Seat, then God DECLARED THEIR ATONEMENT from the place of the Mercy Seat!

JESUS CHRIST IS THE MERCY SEAT of the New Covenant and because of His blood, GOD DECLARES OVER US, BOTH OUR INNOCENCE AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!

6. WHAT SPECIFIC ACT OF FAITH APPROPRIATES (brings to us) THIS BENEFIT OF FORGIVENESS AND BRINGS RELEASE TO MY LIFE?

Repentance, Repentance, Repentance! Repentance, which involves both the confession of our sins and the turning away from them, so that we may fully turn to Jesus Christ, trusting Him and the provision made for us by His own shed blood at the cross.

By this means, you will begin to walk in the actual experience of forgiveness (*which includes legal release*) and restoration with regards to your fellowship with God.

*“Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2*

*“**And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you**, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**” Acts 20:20-21*

7. HOW CAN I KNOW THAT MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN?

There are two ways that we **KNOW** that our sins are forgiven:

A. The Word Of God Declares They Are Forgiven

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B. The Spirit Of God Witnesses To Our Hearts

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*“**The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.**” Romans 8:16*

*“Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, **because he hath given us of his Spirit.**” 1 John 4:13*

PART C. BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES

8. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM, “INIQUITIES”?

Iniquities describes the wickedness that is inherent within our fallen nature. Often times, it's specific 'INNER' iniquities that produce the actual sins that we commit.

*“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; **and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**” Ephesians 2:3*

*“I find then a law, that, when I would do good, **evil is present with me.**” Romans 7:21*

9. IS INIQUITY AND ORIGINAL SIN THE SAME THING?

No. **ORIGINAL SIN**, describes the **TOTAL CORRUPTION** and complete **DEPRAVITY** of our human nature, because of the enmity (*hostility against God*) that is in us, resulting from the original sin of Adam and Eve. This is the complete sentence of sin that all men are born under.

*“What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that **they are all under sin.**” Romans 3:9*

*“Now then it is no more I that do it, **but sin that dwelleth in me.** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) **dwelleth no good thing:** for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.” Romans 7:17-18*

10. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM, “BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES”?

This describes the punishment that Jesus Christ suffered on behalf of those strong wicked desires that are in our hearts. He actually bore the judgment of every iniquity, because while men were used to bruise His body, God actually laid the iniquity of us all upon him.

*“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; **and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**” Isaiah 53:6*

-2 Corinthians 5:21

11. HOW DO WE ACQUIRE INIQUITY?

Iniquities are those sinful habits and traits we have inherited from our forefathers which have been passed down to us through the generations.

*“Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, **which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills:** therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.” Isaiah 65:7*

*“Our fathers have sinned, and are not; **and we have borne their iniquities.**” Lamentations 5:7*

-Psalms 51:5

Some of the iniquitous habits and traits includes:

The tendency to: lie, steal, cheat, gamble, use drugs, drink, exaggerate, gossip, hate, covet, lust, be greedy, be jealous, have outbursts of anger and rage, become easily offended, etc.

12. WHAT DOES GOD MEAN WHEN HE THREATENS TO VISIT THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION?

If we fail to recognize and repent of our iniquities, we then become prone to those sins and faults found in our ancestors. In turn our children and grandchildren, etc., will very likely manifest these same traits.

*“The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.**” Numbers 14:18*

13. HOW DO INIQUITOUS TRAITS AND HABITS BECOME DEVELOPED WITHIN US?

We can strengthen the power of inner iniquities by justifying their existence in our lives and through the continual practice of sin.

*“**Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.**” Micah 2:1*

*“Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Incline not my heart to any evil thing, **to practice wicked works with men that work iniquity:** and let me not eat of their dainties.” Psalms 141:3-4*

*“I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to **iniquity unto iniquity;** even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.” Romans 6:19*

14. CAN WE BE DELIVERED FROM THE POWER AND CURSE OF INIQUITY?

YES!! Jesus Christ gave His body at Calvary to be bruised for our iniquities, so that we may be forgiven and completely delivered from them.

*“Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, **that her iniquity is pardoned:** for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.” Isaiah 40:2*

*“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*

-Psalms 103:3

*“**Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.**” Psalms 32:2*

15. HOW MAY I BE DELIVERED FROM THE CURSE AND POWER OF INIQUITY?

Once again, through the power of repentance. Nothing will undermine the true spirit of repentance like justification or our adapting the mindset of a victim. If it's in us then we must confess our unrighteousness to Jesus Christ and then by faith, appropriate to ourselves the full provision of Calvary. When we do we will be delivered, if we believe.

*“In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem **for sin AND FOR UNCLEANS.**” Zechariah 13:1*

*“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. **Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.** Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: **wherefore turn yourselves, and LIVE YE.**” Ezekiel 18:30-32*

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, **and to CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**” 1 John 1:9*

*“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **Let every one that nameth the name of Christ DEPART FROM INIQUITY.**” 2 Timothy 2:19*

According to Acts 8:18-24, what did Peter command Simon to do regarding his iniquity?

16. WHAT ASSURANCE DO I HAVE THAT MY INIQUITY SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY?

Once we repent, we have the assurance of God’s Word and the assurance of the **NEW COVENANT**. In the Old Covenant, there was a remembrance of our sins with every new sacrifice offered, but in the New Covenant they are taken away completely and will be remembered no more! Therefore our conscience may be cleansed and purged, enabling us to walk with a brand new mindset.

*“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect...** But in those sacrifices **THERE IS A REMEMBRANCE AGAIN MADE OF SINS every year.** For **it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**” Hebrews 10:3-4*

*“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people... **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE.**” Hebrews 8:10,12*

_____ -Isaiah 53:11

Once again, we must appropriate (*take to ourselves*) the benefits of Calvary by faith. Faith in the finished work of the cross is the starting point for all real and actual changes that takes place within our lives.

Remember, what we don't understand through revelation knowledge, we can never truly possess. Pray that the Holy Spirit will grant you understanding as you prayerfully meditate upon God's word.

Consider the following scriptures:

* **Psalm 51** (the entire Psalm)

*"Wherewithal shall a young man **cleanse his way**? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalms 119:9*

*"By mercy and truth **INIQUITY IS PURGED**: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil." Proverbs 16:6*

*"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, **AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE**." John 8:31-32*

*"Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and **purge away our sins, for thy name's sake**." Psalms 79:9*

*"Who gave himself for us, **that he might redeem us from all iniquity, AND PURIFY UNTO HIMSELF** a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14*

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, PURGE YOUR CONSCIENCE from dead works to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9:14

Read Romans 6:11-12. Briefly describe what Paul said our mindset should be:

17. WILL OUR INIQUITIES BE VISITED UPON OUR CHILDREN WHEN WE REPENT AND ARE DELIVERED?

No, when God pardons our iniquities, He casts them into the depths of the seas never to be remembered against us or our seed. As you will see, it's not only **sin** and unrighteousness, but **repentance** and righteousness that will impact the generations to follow.

“Who is a God like unto thee, **that pardoneth iniquity**, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; **and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.**” Micah 7:18-19

“In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, **and there shall be none**; and the sins of Judah, **and they shall not be found**: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.” Jeremiah 50:20

“And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth... **Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin**, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.” Exodus 34:6-7

-Deuteronomy 30:19

“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, **nor his seed begging bread**. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; **and his seed is blessed.**” Psalms 37:25-26

“Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and showeth mercy to his anointed, to David, **and to his seed forevermore.**” Psalms 18:50

“And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, **I will give you the sure mercies of David.**” Acts 13:34

As you can see, the “**sure mercies of David**” have to do with the benefits of mercy through Jesus Christ, the son of David, that will also impact the lives of our children.

“For the promise is unto you, **and to your children**, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” Acts 2:39

Closing Statement

God does not want us to live in ‘**sin consciousness**’, but has provided wonder working power through the blood of Jesus Christ to make us clean and new. When it comes to dealing with iniquities, don’t spend time digging up the past in order to secure your future. Instead, go back only to Calvary and there find full release in the **FINISHED WORK** instead of revisiting the lives of your ancestors.

God commands us to repent from our iniquities, this means that He has granted the power for us to do so.

Keep short accounts with God and when you repent remember to:

Confess your sin and unrighteousness
and to
Declare His Righteousness
and to
Turn from your sin and unrighteousness
and to
Turn to Him ,fully embracing His Righteousness,
And then

OBEY GOD'S WORD AND MOVE ON!

PART D. CHASTISED FOR OUR PEACE

*"...the **chastisement of our peace** was upon him..." Isaiah 53:5*

18. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM, "CHASTISEMENT"?

The word **CHASTISEMENT** actually means to **rebuke**, **correct** and to **discipline**. It describes how someone in authority would deal with wrongdoing and disobedience in the life of a subordinate.

*Behold, happy is the man whom God **CORRECTETH**: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: Job 5:17*

*And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art **REBUKED** of him: Hebrews 12:5*

*Now no chastening for the present **seemeth to be joyous, but grievous**: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrews 12:11*

19. WHY WAS JESUS CHASTISED ON THE CROSS?

This is the wonder of the finished work of the cross! While Jesus Himself was fully obedient, thereby deserving no chastisement at all, He willingly took our place on Calvary's tree. So on our behalf, he suffered all of the divine rebuke, correction and pain that our rebellion, disobedience and sin required.

Read I Peter 2:21 & I Peter 4:1. What do these two verse have in common?

20. WHAT DOES THE WORD “PEACE” MEAN?

The word, “PEACE” used in Isaiah 53 is the Hebrew word, SHALOM. It means, **Safety, Rest, Wholeness, Prosperity, Health, Soundness, Harmony and Tranquility.**

21. WHAT IS PEACE WITH GOD?

Peace with God is the result of having been RECONCILED to God. We are no longer alienated and at enmity with God. At Calvary, the enmity was slain by Jesus, the war came to an end and having true PEACE WITH GOD was made possible. We can have complete harmony and live with inner tranquility with regards to our relationship to God.

-Ephesians 2:16

22. HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE WITH GOD?

Peace with God can only be experienced when we come to the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ, that we might receive complete pardon and forgiveness from our sins through faith.

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.** Isaiah 9:6*

***Peace I leave with you,** my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27*

-Romans 5:1

23. HOW WILL THIS PEACE AFFECT MY LIFE?

Having Peace with God will transform your life and bring well being into every area. The following is just a few ways that show the tremendous benefit of having Peace with God:

A. SPIRITUALLY

-We are set free from all condemnation

There is therefore now **NO CONDEMNATION** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1

-We are set free from feeling the guilt of sin

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled **FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE**... Hebrews 10:22

- We will have a true sense of STRENGTH and SAFETY in the time of trouble

These things I have spoken unto you, that **IN ME YE MIGHT HAVE PEACE**. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

- We'll Have great confidence and faith when we approach God in prayer

-Romans 15:13

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we **CONFIDENCE TOWARD GOD**. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 John 3:21-22

- We can approach death, with rest, peace and assurance, not fearing the day of judgment

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have **BOLDNESS** in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:17-18

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they **MAY REST** from their labors; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13

B. SOCIALLY

- We can know peace and harmony with other believers

-2 Corinthians 13:11

-We can become peacemakers through preaching the Gospel and be used to reconcile our generation back to God!

-Matthew 5:9

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye **RECONCILED TO GOD**. 2 Corinthians 5:20

...as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the **GOSPEL of PEACE**, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15

24. CAN I EXPERIENCE PEACE IN THE MIDST OF ANY TROUBLE?

YES! Not only can we have **PEACE WITH GOD**, but the **PEACE OF GOD!** It has been correctly stated, “peace **IS NOT** the absence of trouble but experiencing the Presence of God in the midst of trouble.” For this reason, it is called a peace that passes our understanding.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which **PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING**, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

25. HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH HIS PEACE?

First, we must realize that we can live by our own peace which is of this world and therefore fleeting and dependant by the circumstances of life or we can live with **HIS KINGDOM PEACE** in our lives:

*Peace I leave with you, **MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU**: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27*

-Colossians 3:15

His Peace is a supernatural peace born of His Spirit. To know the peace of God then we should observe the following:

- LIVE BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, **AND PEACE**, and joy **in the Holy Ghost**. Romans 14:17*

- LIVE BEING SPIRITUALLY MINDED

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is **LIFE AND PEACE**. Romans 8:6*

- LIVE BY FAITH

*Now the God of hope fill you with all **JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING**, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:13*

- LIVE BY HIS WORD

***GREAT PEACE** have they which **LOVE THY LAW**: and nothing shall offend them. Psalms 119:165*

- LIVE KNOWING GOD AND THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS

Grace **AND PEACE** be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2

-LIVE BY PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing **BY PRAYER** and supplication **WITH THANKSGIVING** let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

- FINALLY, WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS!!

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **TRUE**, whatsoever things are **HONEST**, whatsoever things are **JUST**, whatsoever things are **PURE**, whatsoever things are **LOVELY**, whatsoever things are of **GOOD REPORT**; if there be any **VIRTUE**, and if there be any **PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS**. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: **AND THE GOD OF PEACE SHALL BE WITH YOU**. Philippians 4:8-9

PART E. AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

“... and with his stripes **WE ARE HEALED**.” Isaiah 53:5

26. WHAT DOES “HEALED IN ISAIAH 53:5 REFER TO”?

Jesus Christ was beaten and bruised by the hands of men, according to the will of God (*Is. 53:10*). The pain and the suffering which he endured was felt both in the physical and at the emotional level. He suffered so that we may be healed and made whole.

The word, “**HEALED**” in this text refers to the full restoration of a person’s life; **Spiritual**, **Emotional** and **Physical**. This same Hebrew word, “**RAPHA**” is used nearly seventy times throughout the Old Testament with respect to all of these applications:

- SPIRITUAL (HEALING) RESTORATION

“Return, ye backsliding children, and I will **HEAL** (*rapha*) your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the **LORD** our God.” Jeremiah 3:22

“And the **LORD** hearkened to Hezekiah, and **HEALED** (*rapha*) the people.” 2 Chronicles 30:20

King Hezekiah brought the remnant of Israel and Judah together to be sanctified before the Lord and to celebrate the Feast of Passover which they had not kept for a very long time. In this regard God had healed the **SPIRITUAL** condition of His people.

- EMOTIONAL (HEALING) RESTORATION

-Psalms 147:3

*I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: **HEAL** (rapha) my soul; for I have sinned against thee.”
Psalms 41:4*

- PHYSICAL (HEALING) RESTORATION

*“The flesh also, in which, even in the skin thereof, was a boil, and is **HEALED** (rapha)”
Leviticus 13:18*

*The proof of **PHYSICAL** healing seen in the leper’s skin was a clear sign to the priest that the leper had truly been healed of his leprosy. Upon seeing the healed skin, the priest would pronounce him clean and admit him back into society.*

27. HOW ELSE CAN WE BE SURE THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE PHYSICAL HEALING OF THE BODY?

Because *Isaiah 53:5* is referenced by the apostle in *1 Peter 2:24* in a context having to do with our spiritual healing (restoration) from sin to righteousness, some have wrongly concluded that this is the only healing that has been provided for us in the **FINISHED WORK**.

While it is true that the passage in Peter directly relates to our spiritual restoration, we must also consider that *Isaiah 53* is a prophetic description that was specifically fulfilled in and through Jesus Christ and is also directly linked with the physical healings that took place under His ministry as is recorded in *Matthew 8*.

*“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**: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.” *Matthew 8:16-17**

*** Often times, the benefit of forgiveness is also linked with the healing of our bodies:**

*“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who **forgiveth all thine iniquities**; who **healeth all thy diseases**.” *Psalms 103:2-3**

*“Is any **SICK AMONG YOU**? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall **SAVE THE SICK**, and the Lord shall **RAISE HIM UP**; and if he have **COMMITTED SINS**, they shall **BE FORGIVEN HIM**. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” *James 5:16**

Read *Mark 2:1-12*. Briefly explain what Jesus was teaching about forgiveness, when he healed the paralytic man.

28. WHY ARE THERE SO MANY RECORDINGS IN THE GOSPELS OF JESUS HEALING SICK BODIES?

Actually, there are at least 17 physical healings performed by our Lord Jesus Christ that have been recorded for us in the Gospels. Of course Jesus healed many more than these, but these were recorded primarily to give us faith and to help us maintain a proper understanding of what the true ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ entails: SAVIOR, HEALER and DELIVERER! Also, the inspired record of His life and ministry provides us with a pattern and example, showing how we as believers should walk in His steps.

1. Nobleman's Son Healed (*John 4:46-54*)
2. Infirm Man Healed (*John 5:1-9*)
3. Peter's Mother-in-law (*Matt. 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-31; Luke. 4:38-39*)
4. A Leper (*Matt. 8:2-4; Mk. 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15*)
5. A Paralytic (*Matt. 9:2-8; Mk. 2:3-13; Luke 5:17-26*)
6. Man with Withered Hand (*Matt. 12:9-14; Mk. 3:1-6; Luke. 6:6-11*)
7. Centurion's Servant (*Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7: 1-10*)
8. Two Blind Men (*Matt. 9:27-31*)
9. Deaf and Dumb Man (*Mark 7:31-37*)
10. Blind Man at Bethsaida (*Mark 8:22-26*)
11. Blind Man in Jerusalem (*John 9*)
12. Woman of 18n Years' Infirmary (*Luke 13: 10-17*)
13. Woman with Hemorrhage (*Matt. 9:20-22; Mk. 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48*)
14. Man with Dropsy (*Luke 14:1-6*)
15. Ten Lepers (*Luke 17:11-19*)
16. Bartimaeus Healed of Blindness (*Matt. 20:29-34; Mk. 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43*)
17. Malchus' Ear (*Luke 22:50-51*)

-Hebrews. 13:8

29. WHERE DOES SICKNESS & DISEASE ORIGINATE?

Sickness and disease originated with sin. Sin is the cause of all our misery and sorrow, of our diseases, weakness, pain and ultimately of death itself.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Romans 5:12

30. HOW CAN JESUS’ BEATING & DEATH BE THE BASIS FOR THE HEALING OF OUR SICKNESS & DISEASE?

All that Jesus suffered was for sin and everything associated with sin that has been introduced into our lives. This includes our sorrows, sicknesses and diseases. Through His suffering He was made to fully ‘**bear**’ and to ‘**carry**’ all of the agony of sin and sickness to the cross, where he cried, “**IT IS FINISHED!**”

- *Isaiah 53:4*

Borne (*nasah*): *to fully lift a load, to fully accept the entire weight of an object (Leviticus 16:22)*

Griefs (*choliy*): *malady, anxiety, sickness and disease (Deut. 7:15 & 28:61)*

Carried (*sabal*): *to carry away a burden*

Sorrows (*makob*): *anguish & pain*

31. CAN EVERYONE BE HEALED?

Yes. If Christ has borne our sicknesses and redeemed us from the curse, why should we bear it?

*“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.**” 1 Peter 2:24*

- *Acts 10:34*

*“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. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.** Matthew 8:16-17*

32. ON WHAT BASIS IS HEALING AVAILABLE TO US TODAY?

The following represents **(8)** scriptural reasons why healing is for today:

1. GOD’S NATURE

To begin with, God's nature alone reveals Him as being a healer. The revelation of His nature is seen by the meaning of His name... **JEHOVAH-RAPHA**.

*"And 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 none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: **for am the LORD that healeth thee** (Jehovah Rapha)." Exodus 15:26*

2. GOD'S INTENTION

God's good intention to heal the oppressed and to take away the pain and sickness of His people is seen throughout all of scripture. As we've already seen, the cross itself stands as the greatest demonstration of God's intention to heal His people from their sins and sicknesses.

-Exodus 23:25

3. THE NATURE OF SALVATION

The Biblical concept of salvation (soteria) means to fully save, rescue, heal and to deliver. The price Jesus paid with His own blood, was for a total salvation and for a total redemption.

*How shall we escape, if we neglect **SO GREAT SALVATION**; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will? Hebrews 2:3-4*

4. THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

The Good News of The Kingdom of God is what we are called to experience, preach and demonstrate. Included within the true expression of God's Kingdom (*dominion and government*) is the healing of sickness and disease and the casting out of devils.

*"Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, **and to cure diseases**. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, **and to heal the sick**." Luke 9:1-2*

-Luke 10:9

5. THE NAME OF JESUS

The Name of Jesus (Yeshua) means, "***I am the Lord who is become Salvation***". By the authority of Jesus Name, the lost are saved, the sick are healed, and the oppressed are set free.

*"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**." Mark 16:17-18*

*“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST** of Nazareth **rise up and walk.**” Acts 3:6*

6. THE WORD OF THE LORD

The word of the Lord brings healing and deliverance to our sick and infirmed bodies

-Psalms 107:20

*“My son, **attend to my words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, **and health to all their flesh.**” Proverbs 4:20-22*

7. GIFTS OF HEALING

God has specifically supplied various gifts of the Spirit within His body, the Church. These manifestations of the Spirit include **'gifts of healing'**.

*“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal... To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the **GIFTS OF HEALING** by the same Spirit... 1 Corinthians 12:7, 9*

8. THE NEW COVENANT (*The Finished Work*)

The New Covenant is called a BETTER COVENANT that has been established upon BETTER PROMISES. The Old Covenant included healing and strength to an obedient people. The New Covenant includes healing (and much more) to a forgiven and believing people.

Old Covenant:

*“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.**” Exodus 23:25*

New Covenant:

*“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted... **and with his stripes we are healed.**” Isaiah 53:4-5*

33. BY WHAT MEANS IS HEALING RECEIVED?

All healing is received by grace through faith, but healing may be received on the basis God's **MERCY** or on the basis of having **COVENANT** relationship with God.

*“And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which **KEEPEST COVENANT**, and **SHOWEST MERCY** unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts.” 2 Chronicles 6:14*

-Romans 9:15

34. TO WHOM IS HEALING AVAILABLE TO ON A MERCY BASIS?

God's mercy is available to all who will call upon His Name. There are basically (5) types of situations, or circumstances in which healing is received on a mercy basis:

1. For The Unbeliever According to the Faith of A Believer Who Is In Covenant

Relationship With God:

The Lame man healed at the Temple gate (Acts 3:1-10)

2. For Those Outside of Christ According To Their Own Faith:

The Syrophenician Woman (Mark 7:24-30)

3. For The Sinner At The Time They Repent and Turn To Christ:

Under The Ministry of Philip at Samaria (Acts 8:5-13)

4. For An Erring Believer Not Walking As They Should

Many times God by His mercy, brought healing, deliverance and provision to Israel even though they were disobedient and rebellious (Ps. 78 & 107)

5. Healing Provided By Sovereign Acts of God's Grace and Mercy:

Exodus 33:19

35. WHAT ABOUT HEALING ON A COVENANT BASIS?

Covenant relationship with God is a relationship based upon a legal premise, involving both responsibilities and privileges. Almighty God has established the New Covenant in His Son Jesus Christ and we enter into that covenant relationship by accepting God's terms as we obediently respond to the **WHOLE GOSPEL**.

1. By **REPENTANCE** from dead works and faith toward God **WE ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE COVENANT** (*Acts 2:37,38; Heb 6:1*)

2. By **WATER BAPTISM** **WE EXPERIENCE THE INITIATION RITE AND RECEIVE THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT** (Circumcision of heart) (*Rom. 4:11; Col. 2:11-12*)

3. By **HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM** **WE RECEIVE THE SEAL OF THE COVENANT** (*Eph. 1:13; 4:30*)

As we continue to walk and mature within our Covenant relationship with God, we will be brought up to a ‘Covenant Standard’ of living. God desires for us to know His restoration and healing power within our lives.

Actually, in addition to healing, God desires that we walk in a ‘Divine’ quality of health which is above many of the sicknesses and weaknesses found in the lives of those in the world all around us.

36. WHY, THEN, IS THERE STILL SICKNESS AND DISEASE IN THE WORLD?

There is still sickness and disease in the world for the very same reason that there is still sin in the world today. People do not **KNOW** or **BELIEVE** what Jesus Christ has purchased for them. By the cross, there is complete forgiveness and deliverance from **ALL** the power of satan. We must learn to receive it and then by faith walk in it.

Redemption is a powerful **REALITY**, but to many it is only a theory, doctrine or religious formality. Satan has taken advantage of man’s ignorance, keeping him bound by his own lies and deceit.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” Hosea 4:6

*“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, **that he might destroy the works of the devil.**” 1 John 3:8*

37. WHAT IS THAT KNOWLEDGE THAT BRINGS HEALING TO US

We must know that we have been redeemed from the “***CURSE of THE LAW***” (*including our bodies*), because Christ became a curse for us, by suffering physically.

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.” Galatians 3:13

- 1 Corinthians 6:20

38. WHAT IS THE CURSE OF THE LAW

The ‘*curse of the law*’ is what came upon God’s people because of their willful disobedience to God’s law and physical sickness was included. Be sure to read the entire 28th chapter of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 28:58-61

*(58) If thou **wilt not observe to do** all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, **THE LORD THY GOD**;*

(59) Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful (extraordinary), and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

(60) Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

(61) Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

39. HOW IS HEALING ADMINISTERED?

Healing is administered through:

- A. **Personal Prayer & Praise** (2 Kings 20: 1,2,5; Matt. 8:2,3)
- B. **The Laying On of Hands** (Mark 16:17,18)
- C. **By The Spoken Word of The Lord Through An Anointed Vessel**
(Matt. 8:8; Ps. 107:20)
- D. **Anointed Cloths** (Acts 19:12)
- E. **Through Gifts of Healing** (1 Corinthians 12:9, 28)
- F. **Prayer of Faith and Anointing With Oil By The Elders** (James 5:14,15)

40. IS FAITH IN THE LORD NECESSARY FOR HEALING?

Yes. Jesus often commended the faith of those who came to him for healing. Without faith, we cannot have confidence that we will receive anything from the Lord. When it comes to healing, faith was present either in the one who ministered to the sick, or present within the heart of the one who needed healing.

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

Read **Matthew 9:20-22**. What did Jesus say made the woman whole?

According to **Matt. 13:58**, why couldn't Jesus do many mighty works within His own city?

The following (7) examples represents what Jesus said to those who were healed: Please look up the reference and then fill in the blank.

1. **The Woman with the issue of blood:** “Thy _____ hath made thee whole” (Matt. 9:22; Mark 5:34)
2. **Two Blind Men:** “According to your _____ be it unto you.” (Matt. 9:29)
3. **Syro-phoenician Woman:** “O woman, Great is thy _____.” (Matt. 15:28)
4. **Bartimaeus:** “Go thy way: thy _____ hath made thee whole.” (Mark 10:52)

5. **Friends of the Paralytic:** “And when he saw their _____”(Luke 5:20)

6. **Centurion:** “I say unto you, I have not found so great _____, no not in Israel.”(Luke 7:9)

7. **Leper:** “Arise, go thy way: Thy _____ hath made thee whole.”(Luke 17:19)

41. HOW DO WE RECEIVE THIS FAITH?

When we earnestly seek the Lord for healing; the Holy Spirit causes us to hear the Word of God to our hearts. This inspired and “quicken” word (rhema) of God that is sent into our hearts literally creates faith in us. In that instant we are able to lay hold of the promise of God that brings healing.

“He SENT HIS WORD, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.” Psalm 107:20

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

“And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is BY HIM hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.” Acts 3:16

42. WHAT CAN PREVENT US FROM BEING HEALED?

The following represents some of the leading causes that prevent us from receiving healing from the Lord:

A. Unbelief

How numerous the scriptures are where Jesus rebuked his own for their unbelief. Unbelief will keep you from receiving every good thing that God has already provided: (*Matt. 13:58; Matt. 17:20; Mark. 6:5,6; etc.*)

B. Unforgiveness

Jesus taught that our heavenly Father will forgive us as we forgive others. If we refuse to have a forgiving spirit, but instead hold onto offenses and grudges, this sinful condition will definitely hinder us from praying with faith and confidence: (*Matt. 6:14,15*)

C. Unconfessed (unforsaken) Sin

There is only one way that sin departs from our lives and that being through the confession of our mouth. If we do not confess and forsake any sin that the Holy Spirit has made us aware of, then this will hinder us receiving from the Lord: (*James 5:14-16; 1 John 3:22*)

D. Not Believing the Full Gospel or the Promises of the New Covenant Because of Wrong Teaching

The traditional teachings of men often make the word of God of none affect. Some have traditionally and wrongfully taught that the blessing, promises and benefits of the Gospel and the New Covenant does not include the healing of our bodies: ([Mark 7:13](#))

E. Regarding Our Symptoms over God's Word

Many wait for symptoms (feelings) to leave their bodies before they believe it is the will of God to heal them. Every person that Jesus healed had to act in faith based upon what Jesus said to them while still contending with the symptoms of their sick condition: ([Romans 4:19-20](#))

F. Exalting Past Experiences Over The Revealed Will of God

Many times we give our past experience (or the experience of others) an improper place of authority for our lives that it should never have. Doing this will cause us to approach God and His unfailing promises, based upon the inconsistencies of our past experiences instead of the consistency of His character, goodness and His word.

G. Not Acting In Faith Concerning What God Is Instructing Us To Do

Often, Jesus gave specific instructions to those he ministered to in healing. By doing this he gave them an actual premise whereby they were able to demonstrate their faith. To the blind man, he said, "[go wash your eyes](#)" ([John 9:7](#)), to the paralyzed man, he said, "[take up your bed and go into thine house](#)" ([Mark 2:11](#)), to the man with a withered hand, he said, "[stretch out your hand](#)" ([Mark. 12:13](#)) and to the lepers, he said, "[go show yourself to the priest](#)" ([Luke. 17:14](#)), etc.

Faith without works is dead. Therefore, we must obey what he says for us to do, and know that by doing so we are clearly demonstrating a 'living faith' at work within our hearts.

H. Not Discerning That A Spirit of Infirmity Must Be Cast Out

There are times when the physical condition is simply the result of an evil spirit. Therefore, when the evil spirit is dealt with the physical healing will come. This is when spiritual discernment is critical:([Luke. 13:11; Mark. 9:17, 25](#))

I. Insufficient Instruction From The Word of God

"***My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge***", cried the prophet ([Hosea 4:6](#)). Ignorance is not bliss, but instead, keeps us locked up within strongholds and bondages. As a believer grows in their understanding of the WORD OF GOD, through revelation knowledge and obedience, they will continue to believe God and to seek Him with a growing confidence: ([Proverbs 4:20-23; John 8:31,32](#))

43. WHILE AWAITING HEALING, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Since not all healing is instantaneous, we should continue to pray and patiently wait upon the Lord, drawing strength from His Spirit and His word. We should endeavor to both hear and obey what He is speaking to our lives.

*“Remember the word unto thy servant, upon **which thou hast caused me to hope**. This is my comfort in my affliction: **for thy word hath quickened me.**” Psalms 119:49,50*

44. WHAT DOES GOD COMMAND US TO DO AFTER WE’VE BEEN HEALED?

He wants us to give him all of the glory...

*“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and **WITH A LOUD VOICE GLORIFIED GOD.**” Luke 17:15*

...and be sure to testify to others concerning the Lord’s goodness and His mighty power...

*“Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, **Go home to thy friends, AND TELL THEM how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.**” Mark 5:19*

... and be sure to go and sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon us

*“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: **SIN NO MORE**, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” John 5:14*

Some Final Thoughts...

*Always be sure to seek **CHRIST, THE HEALER** and not just **HIS HEALING**. Remember, all things work together for God’s good in the lives of those who love God and are the called according to His purpose. If at times we find ourselves contending with personal sickness in our own lives or in the lives of those we love and care about, we should then earnestly seek the Lord, because by doing so our relationship with the Lord will become greatly strengthened as we believe and wait upon him for healing itself.*

*Often, we will hear God speak to us more clearly concerning other areas of our life, simply because we are seeking Him more consistently, humbly and desperately. It’s not that God places sickness upon his children to teach us, but how **WE RESPOND** because of the sickness is what makes all the difference. This in turn becomes an additional blessing to us, enriching our relationship with the Lord, besides gaining the healing itself. Having to wade through the carnal opinions of our own minds, and that of others, including the lies of the enemy whenever we are believing God for healing is what requires us to engage in spiritual warfare during such times. We must be prepared to **“FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH”!***

Never, contend with other believers about the issues of **FAITH** or **HEALING**. People are at various levels of faith and the Bible very clearly says that we are not to enter into disputes nor judgments regarding faith. If we are strong in faith then we must not judge others, but rather bear the infirmities of those who might be weaker in faith than ourselves. With humility, we should always seek to be an encouragement to the brethren. We are commanded to always be found strengthening, exhorting and encouraging one another with the Word of God.

Beware of holding onto extreme points of view and harsh judgments, like whether or not it is sin if a believer goes to a doctor. Only God can judge whether a doctor's visit is because of the sin of unbelief within the heart of one of His own. We must all be responsible to hear and obey God as we are receiving instruction from Him for our own lives.

Lastly, we need to remember that receiving healing from God is not the result of learning how to work a lifeless 'formula', nor is it by having 'faith in faith'. Instead, healing is a gracious promise and blessing that comes from the Lord our HEALER. Therefore in all things we are to seek the Lord and be found having that faith which is both **OF HIM** and **IN HIM!**

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified." Psalms 40:16

TRUTH IN REVIEW

TRANSGRESSIONS	WOUNDED	FINISHED
MERCY	PEACE	BLOOD
STRONGHOLDS	GIFTS	SICKNESS
INIQUITIES	INIQUITY	NEW COVENANT
HEALING	WORD	RAPHA
FAITH		

1. While hanging on the cross, Jesus cried, " **It Is** _____ .
2. _____ are those deliberate acts of sins that violate God's Holy Law.
3. Jesus was _____ for our transgression.
4. We can know peace with God because we've been reconciled through the _____ of Jesus Christ.

5. _____ are those inner sinful traits that can be passed on to future generations.
6. The curse of _____ is broken through the _____.
7. If we continue to practice iniquity, then _____ will develop in our lives.
8. Often, God will heal sinners because of His _____.
9. The Gospel of The Kingdom includes _____.
10. God has provided _____ of healing within His Church.
11. The curse of the law included _____.
12. The Name, "Jehovah-_____" means ***I Am The Lord Your Healer.***
13. If we offer up our prayers with thanksgiving, then the _____ of God will keep us.
14. _____ comes by hearing the word of God.
15. God's wants us to live in such a way, that we are found taking Him at His _____.