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The Healing Ministry of Jesus is Our Healing Ministry Too!

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Jesus' Healing Ministry

Healing is a major aspect of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It has been said that Jesus spent as much as eighty percent of His ministry healing and delivering the people. It is one of THE ways God intended to draw all men unto Jesus. Healing acted like a beacon to the truth. Jesus spoke to the Pharisees trying to reason with them that the signs, wonders, and miracles (works), were proof that God was in Him:

John 10:37 "**If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;**

38 "**but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.**"

Furthermore, healing provided in real practical ways how God's *compassion* was demonstrated towards them. Jesus healed all manner of illness and calamity that humanity was experiencing. ***It showed that Jesus is Lord*** over the very things people feared the most. It reached people in what mattered to them personally, and ***got their attention*** so that they would hear the Word of God. Healing was meant to ***lead to the presentation of the kingdom of God.*** Although the word of God is all powerful in itself, people needed to have it manifested before them and in them. This is what helped them to believe...

John 4:48 Then Jesus said to him, "**Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.**"

If someone is consumed with sickness and disease, it will make it far more difficult for them to hear the good news—that God has sent His son into the world to save sinners. The apostle Paul put it like this:

I Cor. 2:14 "But the natural man **does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them**, because they are spiritually discerned.

The natural man does not respond to the Word of God, but through seeing or experiencing healing, this awakens them to look into spiritual truth ***and the mission of Jesus.***

Jesus didn't heal *just* to get people's attention so that they'd listen to Him; He also healed to ***show God's will concerning the curse of the law.*** Sickness and disease came into the world because of the fall. We find out that it is the curse of the law that actually is the power behind all of it (Duet 28). Sickness and disease are the result of sin and its consequences, and not the will of God.

Therefore, Jesus healing the people opened them up to spiritual truth (the Word), and showed God's compassion for each one. It showed God's will for healing for everyone, over the curse, that came because of disobedience and sin.

Mt 14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; **and He was moved with compassion** for them, and healed their sick.

The gospel of Jesus is not in word only ***but in power*** (I Cor. 4:20). Jesus demonstrated the power of God by healing

multitudes. **Think about this for a moment.** If Jesus performed healing and miracles just to prove He was the messiah and sent by God, then having a few notable miracles would have sufficed; however, He also used healing to reveal God's compassion, and to meet people's needs.

Mt 8:16 When evening had come they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, **and healed all who were sick,**

Mt 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.**

Mt. 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, **and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**

Ac 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.**

These scriptures and more show God's will towards sickness and disease. Jesus is the Will of God manifest upon the earth. As our Messiah, He was coming to redeem us from the fall, our sins, and the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13)—sickness and disease is included among them.

The Fundamental Gospel

When Jesus Christ reconciled the world to God in His atonement, it has ***many components***, as these verses reveal:

Isa. 53:4 Surely He has borne our **grief And carried our sorrows**; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was **wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**

The atonement happened two thousand years ago, and finished the work of reconciliation between God and man. Jesus' finished work included ***forgiveness of sins AND healing***. It also included our sorrows, our peace, and our grief among other things. If we accept forgiveness of sins, we are also to accept the "other things" too. The atonement included all that was necessary to bring life to us in Jesus. For example, **Jesus Himself equated *forgiveness of sins with healing***. He treated them as one and the same, shouldn't we?

Mark 2:9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, '**Your sins are forgiven you,**' or to say, '**Arise, take up your bed and walk**'?

10 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" --He said to the paralytic,

11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

It would it be easier to claim forgiveness of sins. After all, there is no physical evidence needed to make this claim, while if you include healing, there is. Jesus wanted us to know that forgiveness meant healing ***inside and out***. The opposite is also true, that if we are healed, we are also forgiven.

The church has missed this, or somewhere down through our history, we let it go. The gospel has often been presented, in contemporary times, as a singular emphasis for the forgiveness of sins, as in being born again. The demonstration of power that Jesus exercised has often been attributed to the fact that He was the Messiah, and in particular, God incarnate. As I wrote before, that if this were the only reason that Jesus healed (to show that He was the Son of God), then He wouldn't have spent so much time doing it.

Jesus' Mission Was to Show God's Will for Us

It is written of Jesus in His ministry in the gospels, and epistles, some seventeen times that **ALL** who came to him for healing were healed. We do not find one instance where Jesus refused to heal, deliver, save, or set free. The resounding witness **IS** as Jesus said to the man with leprosy, "*I am willing,*" and cleansed him of that horrible disease (Matt. 8:3; Mark 1:41; Luke 5:13).

The overwhelming testimony surrounding Jesus' ministry was His casting out demons, and his healing all who were oppressed of the devil. This included curing deformity, opening blind eyes, making the deaf to hear, raising the lame and the dead, and setting everyone who came to Him free. He must have spent hours and hours each day accomplishing this task with so many ill, deformed, or demon possessed. Jesus said it plainly:

Lu 4:18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

If God was in Christ to the fullest possible way, if Jesus is the embodiment of God in the flesh, **then we have a complete**

example of God's will demonstrated concerning sickness and disease, for us. Paul, the apostle, wrote this about Jesus:

Col 1:15 He is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation.

Col 1:19 For it pleased *the Father* that in **Him all the fullness should dwell**,

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all **the fullness of the Godhead bodily**;

Jesus was and is the expressed will of God manifested in the flesh. Jesus healed all that came to him...that is God's will. What if sickness and disease is God's will for people in order to bring some kind of glory to Him? Then wouldn't Jesus' ministry have been in conflict with God's will? Jesus healed multitudes, surely at least a few of them would have been in God's will to be sick or ill? If sickness and disease are meant to teach us and make us better people, or develop character in us, surely Jesus would have said *that* to at least one or two...

The truth is, we couldn't have a more clear understanding of God's will towards sin, and it's consequences in the curse, **than the life and ministry of Jesus**. The gospel of John teaches us that Jesus is the Word of God incarnate. That means that God's Word, which is His will, was made manifest for the whole world to see.

John 1:1 **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

14 **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

What did Jesus come to do? **He came to destroy the works of the devil.** The devil's work was getting man to sin against God. The result of sin is the curse, and the curse is manifested in every kind of sickness and disease, violence, ill-will, depravation, war, poverty, death, etc...all of which are listed in Deuteronomy, Chapter 28.

1John 3:8b "For this purpose **the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, proclaims that Jesus has delivered us from the curse of the law.

Ga 3:13 Christ **has redeemed us from the curse of the law**, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree"),

The scriptures teach us that through the atonement, He was bruised for iniquities, suffered for our transgressions, bore our pains, sicknesses, and grief, and by ***His stripes we were healed.*** Thus, He has redeemed us from our sins and the curse. Salvation is not just the spiritual new birth, but for the whole being—body, soul, and spirit.

Healing Is It Only Spiritual?

Some have argued that what Jesus provided for was not physical healing for the body, but just spiritual. Jesus, as the Messiah, had a "*special anointing*" to heal physically, but the church has no such calling. They might go on to say, that this anointing passed onto the apostles, but is no longer operating. This argument doesn't come from the New Testament scriptures, but is an explanation given to excuse powerlessness in healing today.

Is the atonement of Jesus, in the cross, only spiritual? **Matthew** takes Isaiah 53:4, 5, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, **ends any doubt about it being for physical healing.** Jesus had healed multitudes and cast out demons with a word, then he quotes Isaiah 53:4, 5, **saying it is the fulfillment of this prophesy.**

Matt. 8:16 "When evening had come they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. **And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,**
17 **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore *our* sicknesses."**

The atonement means forgiveness of sins, and that means healing inside and outside. It is as if the Holy Spirit knew we'd be trying to make the finished work of Christ, to mean only spiritual benefits. This passage clearly connects it to physical healing too.

What about the fact that this is Jesus? Maybe the atonement only meant for Jesus to heal physically? Some have reported that the miraculous power of God was only to prove Jesus as the Messiah, and then to help the apostles spread the gospel, at first. In response, let me begin to address the true commission of Jesus...

The Commission and Re-Commission of Jesus' Disciples

Jesus came to show us who we were meant to be in this earth. He is our example, and as our example, He became one of us so that we could become as He is (I John 4:17). Jesus makes a remarkable statement:

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father.

One could have argued that God wanted the world to know that Jesus was/is the Messiah; therefore, God commissioned him to heal, to deliver, and to set free, to show Jesus is Lord. Certainly, that is true; **yet, Jesus’ mission and then re-commission of his disciples, was to do the very works he did!** Jesus plainly said that “unless you people see signs and wonders you will by no means believe.” If that was the case for the Messiah in ministering, reaching, convincing, and showing God’s grace, how much more it is for his disciples?

Consider this truth: Jesus wasn’t the only one healing! Listen to Jesus’ commissioning of the twelve apostles, and then the seventy He sent out two by two: They were to heal the sick and then preach the kingdom of God is near.

Mt. 10:8 “**Heal the sick**, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 9:2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to **heal the sick**.

Luke 10:9 “And **heal the sick** there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

The Great Commission has often, in our day, been presented to mean primarily salvation in the new birth; what has not been presented is **how much that commission** included healing, deliverance, and setting the captives free!

In other words, the Great Commission is **TWO-FOLDED**, having the first part meant to help accomplish the second part.

Listen to Matt. 28:18-21 of the **Great Commission**, taking note of verse 20!

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 "**teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Jesus is *telling the apostles* to teach their disciples to keep, observe, do and practice **ALL things** He command them! That command includes healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, and taking authority over all the power of the enemy, to deliver all who are oppressed of the devil.

Lu 10:19 "**Behold, I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Further, Jesus said that we should pray for laborers to be sent to do the very works He was doing. They were meant to show God's power to forgive, and deliver, and then preach the kingdom of God! **The same is just as true today** as it was then, and **even more so, since Jesus has been glorified** and the Holy Spirit sent into the hearts of believers!

Mt 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the **laborers are few**.

38 "**Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers** into His harvest."

What many have ignored, or failed to see, is that Jesus came to ***re-produce Himself in us!*** When we read in Philippians 2:5-8, we see what Jesus did:

5 have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of god, did not count equality with god a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

8 and being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

This passage explains the incarnation to us. Jesus, as God, didn't come to be God among us, but be like a human being (righteous human being). In the form of a human being and anointed by the Holy Spirit, the works of the Father were accomplished through Him. In essence, He showed us what God had intended for humanity from the start (Gen. 1:26), had there been no fall. We would have had dominion upon the earth, through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus showed us.

John 14:10 "**Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?** The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; **but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**

Jesus Came to Re-Produce Himself in Us

When we became born again, we received the Holy Spirit too. We have the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwelling in us to do the same things, for the same reasons!

Ro 8:11 **But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

God's will is to manifest His glory through *His sons and daughters*, in the name of Jesus! The name of Jesus is Lord, deliverer, redeemer, savior, healer, protector, provider, and all wisdom and power! **We are to go, in His name, to do what Jesus did!** Jesus said this:

John 12:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.**

Jesus was speaking about His glorification on the cross and resurrection in new life. When we become born again, it is because of His resurrection. **We are sharing in His life, as He shared in our death on the cross.** This substitution saves us, and just as important, creates in us a new man (II Cor. 5:17). This new creation is just like Jesus, which fulfills His statement that, **"if it dies (grain of wheat—Jesus), it produces much grain (the body of Christ—believers)."**

As Jesus re-produced Himself in us, these scriptures also speak to His commissioning of all His disciples. We are commissioned to be His ambassadors, and ministers of reconciliation!

2Co 5:20 Now **then, we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading *through us*: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2Co 5:18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, **and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,**

Joh 14:13 “And whatever you ask **in My name**, that I will do, **that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

Joh 15:8 “**By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit**; so you will be My disciples.

Here’s another remarkable statement:

Joh 17:22 "**And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:**

Jesus said He was the light of the world while He remained in it (John 9:5); but when He died and rose again, the Father sent the Holy Spirit into ***all who believe***. Therefore, we are the light of the World in Christ Jesus, to shine forth the same works that the Lord did so that all will know, see, and understand God’s compassion for the lost.

Mt 5:16 "**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works (the same works of Jesus) and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Signs were meant to act as a **beacon to the gospel** of Christ Jesus, to draw all men unto the truth. Signs of God’s compassion, and confirmation of His Word, are what turned the world upside down when the church first began to preach and heal!

Mr 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with *them* and **confirming the word through the accompanying signs****. Amen.

Mr. 16:17 “**And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name** they will cast out demons; they will **speak with new tongues**;**

18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**"

The church is to re-present Christ to the world as risen, and as THE victorious king went about destroying the works of the devil, so should we. **The Great Commission** had always included both healing, AND salvation in the new birth! **We have been commissioned to go in His Name!** This means, we go as if we were Jesus acting in His stead, on His behalf, as His representative, doing what He would do! Actually, Jesus does it through us! **It is His very life, faith, peace, strength, power, grace working through us by faith!**

Ga 2:20 "I have been **crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in (of) the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

John 15:16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you **and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit (same works), and *that your fruit should remain,* that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.**

Just As Jesus So Also Are We...

The following list is enlightening because if we understand what "just as" means, we'll realize what God has done in the new birth! We need to see it the way God sees it, and have the same attitude, belief, and certainty God wants us to have. "Just as" means just like, in the same way, equal too, a substitute, a replica, a duplicate; in the identical way.

1Jo 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.**

- 1) **Just as Jesus was sent** so we are sent... (John 17:18)
- 2) **Just as the Father and the Son are** so we are one with God... (John 17:21)
- 3) **Just as the Father was in the Son** so the Father is in us... (John 17:22)
- 4) **Just as the Father has sent Jesus**, so also Jesus sends us... (John 20:21)
- 5) **Just as the Jesus was led by the Spirit** so also are we... (Romans 8:14)
- 6) **Just as Paul imitated Christ in every way** so also are we to imitate Christ... (I Cor. 11:1)
- 7) **Just as we received Christ in salvation** so also are we to walk... (Col. 2:6)
- 8) **Just as Christ forgave** so also are we to forgive... (Col. 3:13)
- 9) **Just as Christ spoke the oracles of God** so also are we... (I Pet. 4:11)
- 10) **Just as Christ walked & abided in the Father** so also are we to walk & abide... (I John 2:6)
- 11) **Just as Jesus is righteous** so also are we made righteous... (I John 3:7)
- 12) **Just as Jesus walked in health & prosperity** so also are we to walk in health & prosperity... (3 John 1:2)

We are to know, and be fully persuaded, so that no doubts remain; this is our responsibility and response to what Jesus has done, in God's grace, for us... We are to be **fully established in grace**:

Col 2:7 "rooted and built up in Him and **established in the faith**, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

A MAJOR CHANGE IS IN ORDER

We have been commissioned to go in His name, in His place, and to do what He did. **His ministry majored in healing and deliverance**; however, most modern day

Christians and ministries do not. We have lost this vital aspect of ministry and witness to the Word of Truth! As we regain it, we need to **make a change** in our understanding, and the way we operate. With anything that becomes a major emphasis in our lives, **there needs to be a fundamental change in the way we do business.**

Mt 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

If we understand that our hearts must be involved in the gospel of Jesus Christ for it to manifest in our lives, **then our heart's attention** must be changed toward this major aspect of THE gospel.

Pr 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

For quality to be experienced in anything, it must be birthed through quantity. We cannot expect to receive and manifest God's best, if there is no quantity of God's life in us. We can't major in the world and its desires, pleasures, and entertainment, then turn our attention to godly things and expect miracles to happen (although God has often been gracious to us despite our lack of focus).

1Jo 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

One of the motivations for making godliness a major quantity in our life, is the realization, we are in a spiritual war for the souls of men. This war is all around us and it is stealing, killing, and destroying people's lives everyday (John 10:10). We have to make up our minds to see that we cannot fight this war as a **policing action**. We cannot fight this war as

a hobby. We cannot fight this war **as civilians.** *Our call to arms means dedication to training, and living a life set aside* by God to work the works of Christ.

Eph 6:12 **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,** but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

2Co 10:4 **For the weapons of our warfare** are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

Are we convinced that God has commissioned us? Are we convinced that we have been given His name, His grace, His Spirit, and His Word, to do the very same things that Jesus did? Are we convinced that we are in a spiritual war for the souls of men? God's grace has given to us all that we need. This is a faith battle that stands upon His already decided will on the matter.

2Pe 1:3 **as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,** through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

We must be convinced that our attention must be focused in a major way on healing and deliverance, **because sickness and disease is a major part of life.** Sin and its consequences are the source for this curse, but through Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, through the authority of the name of Jesus, **we've been commissioned to bring peace to the spirit, soul and body of man.** We are not being faithful to ourselves, to God, and to the atonement of Christ, **when we spend very little time preparing, addressing, and training to be ministers of reconciliation in all that means!**

Mt 10:39 **"He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.**

QUALITY VERSUS QUANTITY

If we were to treat eating our food with the same emphasis we do the healing ministry of the saints, we'd starve! Some might say, "Well, it is **quality versus quantity** that counts." Imagine feeding someone a very tasty meal of quality food that really just entails one bite. This bite may be small in amount, but it is the very best tasting food you have ever tasted. If we had a steady diet of such meals, we would starve to death. **We would be weak at best, and isn't that the way most Christians feel in regards to faith and healing?**

We need to realize that quality is birthed out of quantity, they are both necessary for feeding, building up our **faith confidence**, and practice for succeeding. When it comes to sports and teams working to get better, there isn't a coach that wouldn't want their team practicing everyday. No coach is going to say that what really counts is a minute or two of intense focus and quality play. **Everyone knows that outstanding plays come from players with many hours, weeks, and months of practice.** For anyone to become good, exceptional, even professional, they must give their life, time, and **quantity of effort, to reach the highest quality of performance.**

Php 3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; **but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.**

Php 3:14 I **press toward the goal for the prize** of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

BEGIN TO MAKE HEALING & DELIVERANCE A MAJOR THRUST

We can't be guessing about God's will, or word, when it comes to operating in faith, and authority in Jesus' name. We need to have in our hearts a steady and quality diet of meditation, prayer, and practice, so that we are not novices in regards to praying for the sick or casting out demons. If we have **questions or doubts, that have never been answered, we are not in a position of strength, but weakness.**

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, **with no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 he is a double-minded man, **unstable in all his ways.**

If we need to *do some homework* to find the answers that absolutely satisfy our questions, **then be about it with a whole heart.** Any question not fully addressed, will only keep coming back, and will be a source of stumbling in receiving God's best.

We are in a major war, but we have been given major grace through God's word and Spirit to address every power, every curse, and every deception of the enemy. For us to not major in salvation, AND healing, and deliverance, is to miss the mark and calling upon every believer.

1Jo 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.**

1Pe 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, **and rest your hope fully upon the grace** that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

In Conclusion: CONSIDER SOME OF THE ISSUES WE MUST ADDRESS

When we become aware of the TWO-FOLD commission of healing the sick and preaching/witnessing to the gospel, we need to make some changes. Let me present some of those changes:

- 1) We must **be convinced** that healing, delivering, and casting out demons IS God's will for US! This means we must address questions that would hinder us from removing ALL doubts concerning God's Will. **Questions such as:** Is it God's Will to Heal today? Is it God's will to heal everyone? What about Job? What about Paul's thorn in the flesh? What do people die from if not sickness & disease? Doesn't God use sickness & disease to teach us? What if I pray for healing and nothing happens? Why doesn't everyone get healed? Wasn't God's power just for the early church? Why don't we see miracles & healings today?
- 2) We must understand that our own hearts have weeds of **unbelief, doubts, unforgiveness, and rebellion** towards God, that are hindering us from operating in purer faith! As we examine through God's Spirit, we can identify those fears, worries, and anxious thoughts that penetrate to our inner most being, revealing to us what is in our hearts. We'll **discover weeds** that actually believe what the world teaches, over what God's Word says—this is spiritual adultery! We'll discover that we do not believe what God's words teaches, this is unbelief in our hearts—actually calling God a liar from our hearts! We'll discover that we have weeds of unbelief

that reflect a lack of trust in God, His nature, His willingness, and His compassion—this is blasphemy because we are denying God! All of these weeds come from being carnal, living and receiving what the world believes and teaches. These weeds represent what we have focused our lives on, and what we truly trust in our hearts. We must identify the weeds and apply God’s word to destroy them, and replace them with belief that aligns with God’s Will.

- 3) **We don’t have a faith problem** because we have been given the very life, strength, grace, and Spirit of Christ! We have His faith! This means we have to re-direct our heart to **understand, by faith, what grace has accomplished!** God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and then bestowing in us, through the New Birth, a new creation just like Jesus. We can do nothing through our human flesh, but we are NOT without Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Grace has been poured out so that we are blessed with every spiritual blessing, and given all things that pertain to life and godliness. **We acquire and operate in this grace through faith!** We must apply our hearts to grasp, believe, meditate, trust, and embrace the truth of what God has already done in Christ, in US! This is not a faith problem, it is an acknowledgement problem. We are not recognizing and validating the gospel truth of who Christ is in us (Philemon 1:6)
- 4) **We must begin to ACT upon this truth** as one who trusts the very nature, compassion, will, and character of God’s Word. We will see first in our spirits the manifestation, because of believing God’s Word alone. Then, as we act to take our position in Christ through the boldness of the Holy Spirit, we’ll experience the joy of receiving through faith, the will of God in our lives. By this, is God glorified when His sons and daughters

believe His word in the face of rebellious circumstances and symptoms, and receive! When we take the Name of Jesus, and begin to operate in the authority of that name, we'll see the Holy Spirit respond and manifest God's Will.

- 5) **We must make a decision to deny the world more and be filled with the Holy Spirit more.** We cannot expect to live most of our life focused on the world and its desires, cares, deceit, and **then expect to walk in the Spirit's confidence once and a while.** Therefore, we need to mobilize our hearts and life towards the greatest job there is, as a minister of reconciliation, which means a major change in our focus on God's promises, word, and will. This will mean giving up *some* desires, habits, TV & entertainment, which will not be easy because our flesh has often dictated to us. We will have to fast and pray to overcome our carnal dependence in order to become more spiritually minded.

What is the benefit of such a program or effort?

Would you exchange all of these things to walk in the Spirit and heal the broken hearted? Would you be willing to sanctify your life (set it apart), deny the flesh, and see others delivered from demonic oppression, healed of sickness and disease, and ultimately give their life to Jesus? I think we can clearly see it is worth our every effort to focus, and make God's healing life in us, a major emphasis!

P.S. When it comes to healing in the name of Jesus, it isn't our growing up as in gaining more of Jesus or the Holy Spirit. **It is growing up in confidence** of who Jesus is in us, and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit's anointing already given.

Some Booklets that further address this:

Vague Christianity

Indicators & Location (Locating what is in our heart)

Understanding Unbelief

Understanding Doubt

Training (We will experience success and failure but press on!)

Hardness of Heart

You Have the Faith of Christ

Think, Act, and Speak Faith

Authority and Faith

Faith Issues

Why Signs (13 Biblical reasons)

Jesus Attitude towards Sickness & Disease

Casting Down all Imaginations & thoughts

A Power We Know Not of... (We are Prophets to Speak His Word)

We Ask But Don't Receive... (How we respond to set-backs is critical)