

Why Aren't All Healed?

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There is great confusion when it comes to healing and God's will. For most in the church, we have been taught that we should interpret the truth by our experiences. When experiences trump what the Word of God teaches, we all lose. When someone is prayed for to be healed, and that person doesn't get healed, that raises a lot of questions. This message will seek to answer those questions.

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To Begin: Fundamental Truths are Vital

The first issue, before we can even address why aren't all healed, is removing doubt about God's will. If we don't know God's will in regards to healing, we are in doubt. James, the apostle, wrote that anyone who doubts *will receive nothing* from the Lord (James 1:7). Therefore, we must be certain, convinced, and unmovable, regarding the truth in healing. In short, we must be single minded about God's will to heal.

We stand upon fundamental truths. A fundamental truth is one that cannot be removed no

matter what else is said or experienced. For example, when it comes to healing, we must begin with salvation itself. **Whatever is true for salvation, as in being born again, is also true for healing** (and any other benefit of salvation). This is a fundamental truth:

Col 2:6 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him,**

As salvation itself goes, so goes everything God has promised to us, *because it is all in Christ Jesus' atonement*. **Whatever Christ is, has come to us in Him**. These verses and many others witness to this truth:

I John 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**.

And,

John 1:16 **And of His fullness we have all received,** and grace for grace.

To begin to answer the immediate question: "Why aren't all healed?" We must build a foundation to stand on. **Only when God's will is known,** are we standing on His foundation and not "sinking sands (Matt. 7:24-27)."

What is the foundation for healing? **It is the atonement** itself, just as forgiveness of sins in salvation is in the atonement. We find the atonement being described here:

Isaiah chapter 53:3-5

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

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.**

From this passage, we have the foundation in the atonement for healing. Clearly verse five says, **"And by His stripes we are healed."** Do we really need to argue over whether or not it's included? Let's establish that healing is in the atonement and move on from there. What is *not* certain is the type or kind of healing, or when that healing is to take place. Is the passage referring to physical healing? Or is it spiritual healing? Does this passage refer to now in this life, or in the life to come?

Questions are not wrong if they come from an honest and sincere motive. When questions arise, we need to know the answers that completely satisfy our uncertainty. Uncertainty brings us back to doubt; however, if our questions are fully answered, then we find peace and surety. If they are not answered, they'll just keep coming back signaling we are not convinced.

Matthew, the apostle, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, addresses these questions regarding this passage for us. From Matthew's account:

Matthew 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."**

What does this mean? If Matthew connects Isaiah chapter 53: 5 with physical healing, who are we to argue? When does this healing take place? It happens in this life. Consider this truth: we won't need healing in the next life, because the curse, which Jesus redeemed us from, is removed completely (Gal. 3:13). There is no curse in heaven for us to get sick by, and therefore, need healing. We need it now in this life, and according to this passage, Jesus was fulfilling or manifesting the meaning of Isaiah 53: 5. When does Jesus take our infirmities (weaknesses) and bear our sicknesses? In the cross is where Jesus paid the penalty of sin, and the curse, becoming a curse for us, whereby He cried out, "It is finished."

Is there a foundation for healing? It is in the atonement "*And by His stripes we are healed.*" Is it for this life? Matthew 8: 16, 17 make that connection. This is the same fundamental truth regarding salvation itself. Where do we know our sins are forgiven? It is in the atonement, in the cross is where our sins are paid. Is it for this life that we experience forgiveness? According to many passages it is, such as:

Heb 10:14 For by one offering He **has perfected forever those who are sanctified.**

When do we become born again? We become born again in this life! Jesus said unless one is born again he can't even enter into the kingdom of God in the afterlife!

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, **he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

We know we are forgiven because He has given us His Spirit—now.

Ga 4:6 And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"**

Forgiveness And Healing Are One And The Same

Whatever is true of salvation is also true of healing. They are one and the same because when Jesus took care of sins, He also took care of the consequences of sin, which is the curse. It is no accident that Jesus coupled forgiveness of sins with healing!

Matt 9: 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, **He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."**

3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

5 **"For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?**

6 **"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" —then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."**
7 **And he arose and departed to his house.**

Jesus said that the forgiveness of sins means healing. In fact, He says, "that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins," then he healed the man. What needs to be made clearer? It is obviously easier to say to someone your sins are forgiven, because there is no physical evidence to see. When Jesus *combines healing and forgiveness of sins*, showing that they are one and the same, He leaves *no doubt* because the man is healed! **When the man is healed, he is also forgiven!**

There is a commercial that is running today promoting "Accident Forgiveness." It shows a banged up car in the driveway being washed by a father and son. As the message continues, and the washing takes place, the car is transformed back into its original shape. It is made brand new by the marvels of 3D animation. Miraculously then, this commercial is combining forgiveness with complete restoration or healing! What a concept! Do you think that a man made idea would be greater in grace than God's divine atonement for sin?

What Is Established For Healing Thus Far?

It is established that healing is in the atonement.

It is also established that forgiveness and healing are one and the same. When we are forgiven, we are also healed. When we are healed, we are also forgiven.

It is also established by showing that both forgiveness of sins and healing, are for this life, in this world, to reverse the curse in the earth.

Here is a most pointed question: Did God forgive all sin? Only a few verses validate the truth that all sins are paid for:

Heb 10:12 But this Man, **after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God,
And,

Ps 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, **So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**
And,

Heb 10:10 By that will we have been sanctified **through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

A Fundamental Truth: God's Will Already Decided

Did God remove all sin for everyone? I think the case is overwhelming (although I only site a few verses for brevity), that God sent His Son to redeem the world and pay for all sin. When was this done? It was accomplished in the cross in His offering! That happened two thousand years ago! The only sin

that does not pass God's judgment is the rejection of His Christ. In fact, God is no longer examining us, we passed from judgment to life, in Jesus (John 5:24). As Jesus is, so are we before the Lord in this life and the life to come, forever; He is our intercessor (Heb. 7:25).

The point then is this, if God forgives all sin in the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and healing are one and the same, then God has healed all sickness and disease!

God's will then is clearly understood, and has already been accomplished on our behalf, **the only thing that remains is our response**. When we accepted Jesus as our Lord and became born again, that isn't when God actually saved us; that is when we received and accepted our salvation. It was already decided by God through His grace before we were even born. **Why aren't all saved?** It isn't because God didn't provide salvation for all men; it is because *not all men* respond in faith in His grace through Jesus' name. There are many reasons why men do not respond to Jesus in salvation, does that mean it is not God's will for them to be saved?

Tit 2:11 For **the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,**

If God's will was the only matter involved with salvation, then all would be saved now! But the scriptures testify that there is more than just God's will—there is the will of man. Thus, Paul teaches us this scripture:

Eph 2:8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

This means that salvation is not accomplished just by grace; it also requires faith on our part to believe and receive it. It is God's handiwork, but we must respond and give God permission to save us, because He will not override our will to get His will done.

There are those who argue that God's will cannot be thwarted, and that salvation is not to all men, but just to those He has chosen. This is called predestination, with election being interpreted as: God's sovereign will has determined before the world began concerning every human being's destination. The answer is that God chose every human being before the foundation of the world to be saved in Christ Jesus. Just as every human being was condemned in Adam at the fall, thus bringing death to all; now, in Christ Jesus, every human being can find life—if they respond!

Ro 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death **reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**)

In my estimation, this whole argument (predestination) is the product of eliminating the tension between grace and faith. I find it an abhorrent teaching that totally misses God's sovereignty regarding the free will of mankind. In this verse, "those who" refers to those who respond of their own will.

1Ti 4:10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, **who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.**

God is savior to all, especially to those who believe. In other words, God saved all but not all believe—and therefore, fulfill their election. For those who respond in faith, salvation is full and complete—they experience the “especially” category. This is not the purpose of this writing to debate this controversial issue, but I touch on it because of the need to understand salvation and therefore, help to understand healing.

A Fundamental Truth: Healing Is Also Decided

Just as with forgiveness of sins, that was accomplished by God’s will in the atonement for all, **healing was also accomplished by God’s will in the atonement for all.** There is no favoritism from God, what He has done for one; He’s done for all (Gal. 2:6). For everyone who received Him, He gave the power to become the sons of God (John 1:12); for we are all sons and daughters of God and all of us have received of His fullness (John 1:16). God already decided to heal us in the cross and poured out His grace through Christ (Rom. 5:17). He cannot take it back once He gave it. He poured out His love too (Rom. 5:5)! These things are fixed in His grace; what is not fixed is our response.

Why aren’t all healed? It isn’t because God is holding back His healing from some. It isn’t because He didn’t heal all. Just as with salvation, there are many reasons why all are not healed.

Let’s agree that when Christ said, “It is finished” that He meant it; that the atonement is complete and full—there is nothing more that needs to be paid. When Jesus paid for our sins, He also paid for the consequences of that sin. The problem is that God’s will and finished work through the cross, and the realities of this world, do not match. Stop and think for a moment about this: heaven is perfect and whole and God’s will is done absolutely. On earth, God’s will *is not being done*, and that is why it is cursed, fallen, and considered the kingdom of darkness. In heaven, there is no sickness or disease, violence, war, famine, lack, pain, sorrow, shame, guilt, rebellion, selfishness, or curse of the law. We all look forward to the day, described in scripture, when there will be no more pain, no more sorrow, no more tears, and no more death.

Re 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, **for the former things have passed away.**"

Another Fundamental Truth: This World Is Under A Curse

We are living in the “former things” of a fallen world. **The world is fallen from grace!** God’s grace sustained life, and at the fall or rebellion, God’s will and dominion through man was lost. The result of that disconnection from His grace is death and the curse of the law. The very good news is this:

John 1: 16 And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, **but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

We were cut off and without hope to overcome the curse of the law. We could never keep it, therefore, we were always judged by it. We were all born under the law, which has kept us under condemnation and guilt, bringing back to us everything we have sown as the human race.

Gal. 6: 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; **for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

An Important Aspect: Understanding The Law And Its Judgment

When it comes to understanding healing, we must understand the curse of the law! This is important, because from the curse of the law, all sickness comes. When we know the source or origin of sickness and disease, then we can understand the dynamics of God's grace in redeeming us from it. When Jesus became a curse for us in dying on the cross, shedding His blood, being beaten, scourged, and crucified, He was paying a debt He did not owe, for us who owed a debt we could not pay (Col. 2:13-15).

When Jesus pays the debt, who is He paying? Many have taught and believed that Jesus was freeing us from the devil, or in essence, paying him off. This is wrong. Jesus wasn't paying the devil; He was paying off the law's judgment against us. He was fulfilling the law and then taking the law's judgment against us upon Himself. The law's judgment comes from God's justice and truth. The law's judgment comes from righteousness. Satan and the demonic have nothing to do with it, as far as redemption is concerned. The atonement is all about bringing truth and righteousness together with peace and mercy. Listen to this verse:

Psalms 85: 10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

God satisfied Himself towards us, by reconciling justice and mercy to meet together over sinners. Jesus Christ brings peace between God and us, by tearing down the dividing wall of offense—which is the law's righteous judgment against us. Now that God has redeemed us, and paid the law's claims against us in Christ, we can now approach the throne of Grace uninhibited. We, who were afar off, are now brought near. **This redemption means that the cause of sickness and disease has been cured.**

Ro 8:4 **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled** in us who do not walk according to the flesh **but according to the Spirit.**

As long as we walk according to the flesh and under the bondage of the law, we are still under the beggarly elements of this world (Gal. 4:9). This means we are still living as children under the tutelage of the law, and not as sons and daughters (Gal. 4:1-7). Sons and daughters walk according to the Spirit, and are no longer under the law, but under grace.

Ga 3:10 For **as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse**; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Then,

Ro 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, **for you are not under law but under grace.**

We must begin to realize just how *pervasive the law* is in our lives! Twenty-four seven the law judges and examines each of us relentlessly, convicting us of law breaking. No one can defeat the law, or get away with anything, because the law is perfect. The law's purpose is to expose sin and bring everyone before the Lord as guilty.

Ro 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Therefore, as law breakers and under the curse, we are subject and vulnerable to the weaknesses of all mankind. This means we are under sickness and disease in our natural man. It is our guilt, condemnation, shame, reproach, and violations of the law, that bring the curse into our lives. We are bound in sin, not because the devil makes us do it, but because of the law.

I Cor. 15: 56 The sting of death is sin, **and the strength of sin is the law.**

Another Truth: Sickness And Disease Comes From The Curse Of The Law (Deut. 28)

When we are sick, it is because the curse of the law has dominion over our bodies. The curse is everywhere manifesting in all kinds of diseases. *What is very interesting* is to realize that each disease has characteristics which identify it such as: cancer, a virus, an infection, small pox, measles, malaria, etc. Each disease reveals physical characteristics of sin itself. For example, cancer cells are rebellious, willful, and unauthorized in behavior and reproduction. Sin is rebellion towards God, willful defiance, and will not come under authority. **In essence, physical disease to us is what sin is to our spirit to God.**

When we are forgiven, we are also set free from the bondage to the law and its curse. By faith in God's grace, we are no longer under sickness and disease, but rise above it through the life of Christ in us. In Christ, who is in us, we are completely redeemed from the curse. By faith, His faith in us, we accept the free gift of righteousness, and are no longer subject to the claims of the law against us.

Col. 2: 13 And you, **being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,**
14 **having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us**, which was contrary to us. **And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**
15 **Having disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
16 So let no one judge you...

Consider then that the law and the curse, that the power of sin and its consequences, which were written against us by the law; have been disarmed and taken away in Him! The scriptures say that

they have been “wiped out.” Healing comes to us because the cause of sickness and disease has been wiped out. If this is true, that the law’s requirements have been satisfied towards us, **why then are so many Christians sick?**

One of the main reasons is that, as Christians, we have been trying to keep the law and live in grace. We’ve been told that we are now empowered by the Spirit to keep the law. This has been a grave mistake, because as we do, we are returning to works which are judged by the law. The scripture is clear, that as new born creations, we are no longer under the law, and returning to keep the law is like returning to old ways. Jesus said, “We do not put new wine in old wine skins!” The new wine is the Spirit; the old wine skin is the law.

An Important Truth: Cast Away The Curse Of The Law Its Making Us Sick!

(See Booklet “Cast Away the law!”)

The simple truth is this: the law was given to show that we do not have the love of God in us, and cannot make ourselves righteous before God. We are always falling short of the glory of God, and our attempts to make ourselves righteous, are futile. The consequence of wanting to be our own source and boss, as human beings, means that the standards were always against us. We could never fulfill the law and its requirements, and therefore, we were always under its condemnation. The curse of the law is that sinner’s selfishness and willfulness, are not capable of being Holy, loving, and obedient.

The law then is the constant standard that judges all human behavior, and as long as we are under the law, we are sick. We are sick in our understanding, in our emotions, in our speaking, in our decisions, and it manifests in our physical bodies. The law reveals that we are fearful and judgmental; we are greedy and selfish, guilty and under condemnation. We justify ourselves, comparing with others, and evaluate our good works as if there was a chance at self righteousness. This is all useless and detrimental to our well being. This verse speaks to the constant battle within us (the sickness):

Ro 2:15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, **their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them...**

This is the result of being without grace and on our own. It is on us to do and perform, and all of us are miserably weak and feeble, in comparison to true holiness. There is no one who is righteous. The law brings to light, and shows how seriously devoid we are, and how bad the situation is. We become sin conscious and there is no victory in it.

Without God, there is no hope of life, peace, or rest. We need a savior, and the law is what makes that so obvious. We are sick in trespasses and sins; this condition is manifested in our bodies with all manner of diseases, deformity, impotency, and plague. As long as we are messing with the law, we are under its judgment. Cast away the law, and live to newness of life in Christ.

Ro 7:6 **But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit** and not in the oldness of the letter.

Cast away the law means put it aside, don’t let it dominate us, refuse to be under its judgments, forgive and be forgiven; live to Christ, who has redeemed us from it. This means we are in a position spiritually above the law. By grace and living to newness of life in Christ, by relating to the Lord, **we’ll receive the love of God and walk in it.**

When we live to His love, obeying the Spirit, the law is fulfilled in us! By faith, we believe that the law's requirements against us have already been fulfilled in Christ; therefore, we accept our freedom to not judge, or be judged; we accept our spiritual life to judge only according to the Spirit. We are no longer under the law; we are set above it by faith. We were under it and mastered by it; but now in Christ, through faith in grace, we are masters of the law.

This doesn't mean we violate it, or disregard it, to do opposing things against the law, but through grace, we have life in Him apart from the law. By relating to Jesus and living to His peace, His love and His grace, the law has become obsolete to us. This isn't freedom to do whatever we want, as in pleasing the flesh, selfishness, or indulging sin nature; no, this is freedom to be at rest in the Lord, in His peace, and do the things that please the Father.

As we move to obey in faith, live to our new life in Him, we change and become transformed to be and live as Jesus (II Cor. 3:18). We are being changed from glory to glory, as of the Spirit within. Our heart is becoming aligned with God's heart. In this place, why would we want to sin? We have died to sin. We live to Jesus!

Part II Moving Towards The Real Hindrances

Living To Newness Of Life: It Is A Heart Matter!

(See Booklet "Walking After The Spirit Verse The Flesh")

This means we are not relating to regulations and statues, but to Jesus Christ. We stop issuing with laws and relate to the Spirit of God! When we continue to keep the law forefront in our lives as in do's and don'ts, "thou shalt this or thou shalt not," we have stopped relating to the Lord. We have returned to the old bondage and captivity under the law and its judgments. We are supposed to live to the Spirit and believe the finished work of Christ on our behalf. The old is done; behold all things have become new (II Cor. 5:17).

This means that healing is no longer suppose to depend upon medicines, surgeries, therapies, hospitals, and doctors, **but learns to depend upon the living Lord**. In His presence, there is life, liberty, and peace. In His life, are all the benefits of heaven. He came to take our place, to become us; so that we could take His place and become as He is. We stop looking to pills, ointments, creams, drugs, and injections; but learn to take in the "gos-pill of grace," to put on the oil of gladness, the ointments of praise and thanksgiving, to be filled with the Spirit and receive the implanted word of God.

This is our place, the higher position of grace that God has established for us in Christ. We are to walk in health because our Spirit is born again, our soul is renewed like the eagle, and we are permeated with God's word which brings, life, health, and peace to all our flesh.

Clarification: Is Medicine Against God?

A transformation is supposed to take place in our heart. It takes us from being naturally minded, to being more and more spiritually minded. It takes us from being dependent upon natural solutions, to being dependent upon God's Spirit. At one level, God has reached down to us in our natural state and provided remedies, medicines, and treatments in order to help us stay healthy. God's perfect love however, wants us to remain healthy, stay in peace, and overcome the curse through faith in Jesus' name.

These are not opposing forces; they are just addressing the health problem at different levels.

This is to say, that our faith and believing is ultimately **destined to trust in the Lord at His word**. Until we know this position, standing in greater grace, and strengthened by His peace, we should be addressing our health issues **at all possible levels**, with our faith. No one should take the position that medicine and divine healing are in opposition to one another. The confusion would mean that somehow medicine is not from God. There is no possible way that our health profession is from Satan. There are certainly bad practices, and sometimes bad intentions with medicine; however, the practice of medicine is, for the most part, genuinely good. The issue however, still remains that we can remain naturally minded, medicine dependent, instead of Spirit dependent. This crossover is crucial, it is the work of the Spirit as we acknowledge everything good that is in us because of Christ—thus health and healing being included.

Consider this argument too. If it is God's will for us to be sick, then why did God inspire medicine and the medical field? If God wants us sick, wouldn't it be wrong for us to go to doctors to get well? We would be resisting God's discipline, or God's teaching, by going to the medical field to be helped or cured. With this in mind, stop and think about the ministry Jesus had while upon the earth. It is written some seventeen times **that Jesus healed all who came to him**.

If Jesus is the will of God manifest in the world, the word made flesh, then whatever Jesus did would absolutely reflect God's will. If God wants us sick, then Jesus would have been going against God's will when He healed multitudes! Then anyone going to a doctor, and anyone being healed by Jesus, would both be wrong, if God wanted us sick. Not only does the atonement seal the deal, as far as God's will is concerned about healing us, so do the medical field and Jesus' healing ministry reflect it, and point towards this fundamental truth—Jesus healed us all in the atonement.

When we answer the question: "Why Aren't All Healed?" **We have to build a foundation upon God's will**. We could simply answer that all are not healed *because it is not God's will*. Would we be satisfied with answering this same way, when it comes to why are not all saved? For predestinates, it would suffice; however, for all others, that answer would be considered wrong. For most others, they might be content to say that it is not God's will for all to be healed, but it is certainly God's will for all to be saved. This disconnection with healing and salvation (forgiveness of sins) is huge and a major problem. Most of the time, the reason why this separation is taking place, is **because experience** shows that not all are healed.

Experience shows that not all are saved, but we don't change our theology to say that God's will is only for some to be saved. Putting predestination aside, most then would realize that they are not going to accept that its God will for some not to be saved. Why do we hold onto the fundamental truth in one case, and not hold onto this truth regarding healing? We do it simply because not are healed. The major flaw becomes this: **we let go of the things we do know, because of the things we don't know. We explain away healing because all are not healed.**

Summarizing: What Do We Know About Healing?

Before I continue with establishing God's will is healing as a foundation, let me step back for the moment to address another important aspect of truth. **Is it God's will for us to know God's will?** It surprised me to realize that many actually do not believe this. Some argue that there are times we are not supposed to, and therefore, must trust in God's *mysterious will* on our behalf. In a practical way, I completely understand why, as a church, this is taught **because so often we don't know God's will**. Our

experiences again outweigh the straight forward witness of scripture. There are so many verses that express that it IS GOD'S WILL FOR US TO KNOW HIS WILL! Why do we ignore so many?

This Is Vitally True: We Must Be Established In Grace!

(See Booklet by this same title)

The apostle Paul taught us that God's will is for us to be **established in His grace!** How can we be established in anything, if we can't know what it is? If we can't know God's will in any area, then we cannot be established in it. Established means to be certain, convinced, and sure:

Heb 13:9 "Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. **For it is good that the heart be established by grace...**"

And,

Ro 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, **so that you may be established—**

And,

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

Revisiting: Getting After A Major Culprit—Doubt!

(See Booklet "Understanding Doubt")

When we are not established, certain, and sure about God's **will, we are in doubt.** This is a major area of misunderstanding and cause of failure to manifest the promise of God in our life. When we simply do not know God's will in any matter, not just healing, we are in a position of weakness. Furthermore, this position of weakness prevents us from receiving anything from the Lord. The apostle James teaches:

James 1: 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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.

Why aren't all healed? One of the main answers to this question is because of doubt. As we study this passage, we can begin to make some *very interesting observations*. These observations lead to definitions, and the definitions lead to clarity and understanding.

What is doubt? Doubt is being double minded about God's will. This means to think one way about it, and then another, like the seas and waves being tossed back and forth. The opposite of doubt then is being **single minded**. This means we are established, certain, sure, and convinced of God's will.

We are not tossed back and forth between opinions about God's will. It is vital to realize that **faith knows!**

Faith knows God's will as verse six revealed, **"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting," This should be a new paradigm shift in every believers life, to understand that faith knows and doubts don't. Faith receives; doubts don't.**

Doubt doesn't know God's will! **We can eliminate doubt** because we can and are supposed to know God's will! Listen to a representation of verses about God wanting us to know His will:

Col. 1:9 "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding"**

And,

Eph 1:18 **"the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know** what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"

And,

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.
2 And do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

There are so many verses that speak to this truth—God wants us knowing His Will and Word! How can we walk with God in faith without knowing God's Word? **Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17)!**

This has been the reason why so many Christians are weak and vague in faith. Faith has been communicated as trusting God's mysterious will in all situations, that He will bring good out of it for us. There is truth that God will bring good out of everything for us, but that doesn't mean He wants us ignorant of His will (Rom. 8:28). When we read Romans 8:26, it speaks about our weakness: we don't know the will of God!

Romans 8: 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps **in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought**, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning (whisperings) which cannot be uttered (in intelligible speech).

Why aren't all healed? For many, it is fundamentally a problem of not being convinced it is God's will for them to be healed. If we are not convinced, we are not asking in faith; we are asking in doubt. We need to address all of our questions that are preventing us from being convinced. When our questions are answered and we are established in God's grace, then we'll begin to see results. If after we are convinced it's God's will (that we are healed in the atonement), yet have not seen the manifestation of healing, **then we are free to move onto other hindrances.**

What we do not do is go back and question what we do know—that it's God's will for us to be well. When we do re-question what we have laid as a foundation from His Word, we are digging up the implanted word from our heart. When the Word of God is not planted (or unplanted in this case), that

gives place for the enemy to steal it from us. Like the birds in the parable of the sower and seeds, the demonic get us to believe other things, to disregard and not embrace the straight forward sense of God's word. This takes the word of God away from profiting us, because we are not standing on it, defending it, or keeping the enemy from dissuading us.

The Word of God is planted in our heart when we are convinced of God's will. It is established in us, when we will *not be shaken* from what we do know, because of the things we don't know yet. We have enough faith when we are sure and certain of what God's will is. These basic truths begin to make sense to us, and become real to us, producing in us, what the Word of God promised.

Getting After Hindrances

It is important to understand that hindrances have nothing to do with God's will or power, as far as God is concerned. **The hindrances are preventing us from believing Him!** Hindrances *do not disqualify* us from God's blessings, miracles, or provisions in any way. In other words, hindrances do not change God's grace towards us; they are changing us towards God's grace.

There is nothing wrong with God's grace towards us. This means that there is nothing wrong with the power of God towards us. Through the blood of Jesus and His intercession on our behalf, there is also nothing wrong with us. The problem centers on our believing. What we believe gets shaken, moved, discouraged, and changed often based on our experiences.

God's grace, love, and will have already been decided towards us and are complete in Christ Jesus. When we see Jesus in full grace towards us; God sees us in faith. The more we see Him, the more results we see too. It is our believing that gets stopped by the hindrances of this world, the demonic, fallen circumstances and situations, and our own sin nature.

The hindrances have everything to do with preventing us from seeing Christ in His grace towards us. Once we know God's will in any matter, doubt is removed, and we have moved onto those things sent to hinder us from believing God.

Who is sending the hindrances? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this out. It is the work of the evil ones to get us caught up and distracted from seeing Jesus in His grace towards us. Hindrances do not stop God; they stop us from believing God. Hindrances therefore, are meant by the enemy to keep us from seeing the Lord in us. Through various hindrances we don't fully believe.

One Major Area Of Hindrances Is Unbelief

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