

**THE HEALING CHRIST**  
*Exodus 15:23-26*

Introduction: I am imperviously sure that it is God's will to heal the sick. I believe that the greatest hindrance to faith for healing is the debilitating uncertainty concerning God's will in the matter. The ministry of Jesus served as a vanguard and harbinger of the legitimacy of healing for the believer. The construct of John 14:12 proves that He left the legacy of healing in the hands of the church. The Great Commission of Mark 16:15-18 gives immutable evidence of God's will to heal the sick. As the early disciples went and preached the Word, fulfilling the Great Commission, the Lord validated their ministry with signs and wonders. We should expect no less to happen today!

- I. Five foundational reasons God heals the sick
  - A. God's covenant. Exodus 15:26. This is God's covenant with his people, stating unequivocally that God is the Healer. This contract elicits three principle questions.
    1. Is God a healer? Yes! He said ... "I am the Lord who heals..."
    2. Who will God heal? How many? What percent? The answer is all! No exceptions! He said ... "I am the Lord who heals you!"
    3. When will God heal? The answer is now! While this promise originates in the Old Testament, it is validated by the work of Jesus in the New. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:24 ... "by Whose stripes you were healed." This is an irrevocable covenant.
  - B. Christ's atonement
    1. Included in His substitutionary sufferings. Isaiah 53:4-5.  
The Hebrew words choli and macob have been incorrectly translated "griefs and sorrows." The correct translation should be "sicknesses and pains." Notice the fulfillment in Matthew 8:16-17. In the Greek New Testament, the word astheneias means sicknesses and the word nosous means diseases. E.W. Kenyon wrote, "Jesus bore our infirmities, our diseases, and our sicknesses, and what He bore, we do not need to suffer."
    2. Young's translation of Isaiah 53:4 reads, "... surely our sicknesses, He hath borne and our pains carried them ..."
    3. The Amplified version reads, "... surely He has born our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) ... and pains."
    4. Matthew 8:17 (Amplified) reads, "... He Himself took [in order to carry away] our weaknesses and infirmities and bore our diseases."
    5. David said in Psalm 103:3, "... who heals all your diseases..." Also, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:24.
  - C. Christ's ministry. During His stay on earth, He healed all that came to Him. He never refused anyone. Hebrews 13:8.
    1. Matthew 12:15.
    2. Matthew 14:36.
    3. Luke 6:19.
    4. Matthew 8:16.
    5. Luke 4:40.
    6. Acts 10:38. He never changes!
  - D. Christ's commission
    1. The Great Commission. Mark 16:15-18. Healing is a part of preaching the Gospel.
  - E. Early church example
    1. Healing was for all. Acts 3:6-8. A miracle was performed as the result of Peter's prayer. The how is given in Acts 4:10.
    2. Miracles continued to happen. Acts 5:15-16. The early church believed in miracles.
    3. Paul clearly states the case in Galatians 3:13. The results of the curse are given in Deuteronomy 28:60-61.
    4. 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14-15. We know His will in the matter.

Conclusion: On the heathen island of Melita, Paul preached to the people, and the chief man of the island was healed of a bloody flux. "... So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed." Paul affirms the results in Romans 15:18-19.