

# Signs and Wonders: Healing

The early church was a church of signs and wonders:

*Acts 5:12 "Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles..."*

*Mark 16:15-18 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. **16** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. **17** And **these signs** will accompany **those who believe**: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18** they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; **they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.**"*

Jesus healed the sick and in His great commission, he sent his BELIEVERS to continue that work in similar ways.

*John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do **the works that I do**; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.*

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## Four Laws of Divine Healing

### Our Healing is the Will of God.

*Matthew 8:1-3 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. **2** And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, **if you will**, you can make me clean." **3** And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "**I will**; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

We see it in the OT and the NT.

When the Jews came out of Egypt, the bible says *Ps 105:37 GNT Then he led the Israelites out; they carried silver and gold, and **all of them** were **healthy and strong**.*

*Exodus 15:26 "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am **the Lord, your healer**." (Jehovah Rapha)*

God has delivery systems for dispensing healing:

- **A healthy lifestyle.**
- **The medical profession.**

**King Asa's story:** King Asa did great things for God's people.

*2 Chron 16:12 NLT In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa developed a serious foot disease. Yet even with the severity of his disease, **he did not seek the Lord's help but turned only** to his physicians.*

- **A miraculous healing.**

### Satan is the Instigator of Sickness.

- 1) **The Disabling Spirit:** *Luke 13:11,12 And behold, there was a woman who had had a **disabling spirit** for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. (spirit of infirmity)*

- 2) **The Story:** *12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability. 13 And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.”*

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*v. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”*

- 3) **The Lesson:** Sometimes healing is simply a Spirit of Infirmary and rebuking the spirit is all it takes.

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

*Luke 4:38,39 Jesus stood over her and rebuked the fever and it left her.*

## The Holy Spirit Operates Through Others for Healing.

- 1) **Just a Touch:** *Matthew 14:35-36 NLT “... soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed. 36 They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.”*

- 2) **The Story:** Healing flowed to others because the Spirit responds to faith.

*8:45-48 NLT “Who touched me?” Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, “Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you.” 46 But Jesus said, “Someone deliberately touched me, for **I felt healing power go out from me.**” 47 When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. 48 “Daughter,” he said to her, “**your faith** has made you well. Go in peace.”*

- 3) **The Lesson:** Healing can flow through others by the Spirit to others for healing.

*Acts 19:11,12 And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.*

## Healing and Forgiveness go Together.

**The Paralytic:** *Mt 9:2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; **your sins are forgiven.**” The scribes said to themselves Jesus is blaspheming...*

*vv. 5-7 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” 7 And he rose and went home.*

There is an amazing connection of faith to receive forgiveness and faith to receive your healing.

**Peter says it’s a package deal:** *1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

**Regarding ministry in the Church:** *James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil (type of the Holy Spirit) in the name of the Lord. 15 And the **prayer offered in faith***

*will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

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