

Jesus the Healer

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The Holy Spirit spoke something to me this past week that I believe will help you receive your healing whether you need it now or sometime in the future.

Healing is something I know quite a bit about and I've been able to walk in divine health for 31 years. The only time I've ever been to the hospital is to pray for people or else to give blood.

Eve and I are always surprised to meet people every month who act like healing is something new – something that God is just now restoring to the Body of Christ but it's always been a part of covenant – both the Old and the New, and because the Lord “never leaves Himself without a witness” He has always had many in the Church who have preached and operated in divine healing. Of course there are sovereign moves of God in this area like in many areas of the New Covenant. The Lord ordained and anointed William Branham with some special gifts to birth a great healing move of God that began in the late '40s and is still continuing.

Frances Hunter, a woman I met at our church, Lakewood, in the '70s began holding healing crusades back then with her husband, Charles. We helped them out on occasion by conducting healing schools. Frances went home to be with the Lord last month and I'm sure there are many in Heaven as a result of her testimony and work for the Kingdom.

Despite there being a divine move in the area of healing, many Christians have difficulty receiving healing. We've found that this is especially true of Spirit-filled Christians who should have the easiest time being healed because they know that healing has not passed away.

I was ordained as a Southern Baptist after college and pastored a church while working as an engineer in a refinery in South Texas. I was taught that the days of miracles and healings had passed away. Most evangelical Christians are wrongly taught this. They should have enough sense to ask their pastor where he gets that line of thinking –give me chapter and verse please!

Later on I found out the truth – there *never was* a “Day of Miracles.” Did you know that? But, praise God, there is a God of miracles and He’s “the same yesterday, today and forever.” (Heb. 13:8) Because of these Scriptures, if you can find 2 verses of Scripture where Jesus healed somebody then He will heal you also *if* ...

And it’s the *if* that I want to discuss with you today by sharing something I already knew that the Holy Spirit said to me but it made a very strong impression in my spirit and I know it will help you in your own life and ministry when you want to minister healing to somebody.

What the Spirit of the Lord said was, **“The reason many people don’t receive healing is because they know that Jesus heals but they don’t *know* Jesus the Healer – there’s a big difference.”**

You should probably meditate on that as I’ve been doing for about a week now.

I’ve shared on our website the greatest truth I’ve learned about the Lord over the many years I’ve been a Christian which is, “Jesus is who we believe Him to be.” Many if not most Christians *know* Jesus the Savior. They may not have a real close relationship with Him but if you ask them if they’re saved they’ll reply, “Yes.” How can they reply yes? Because they know Jesus the Savior.

You can know Jesus the Savior, however, and not know Jesus the Healer or Jesus the Miracle Worker or Jesus the Provider (*El Shaddai*). But the Lord has all of these Names for a reason. Isn’t it interesting that He never revealed that even to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – not until Moses (Ex. 6:3).

If you’ve ever had people ask you something like, “Brother Smith, I’m new to the community – do you know a good doctor?” If you don’t *know* a good doctor then it would be difficult to go to one for healing wouldn’t it? By the same token if you don’t know Jesus the Healer it is difficult to receive healing because you just flat don’t know the Doctor!

How do you come to a place where you *know* Jesus the Healer? Through the Word! He is the Living Word and it’s His Word that heals us, praise God!

I learned some things about Smith Wigglesworth from Lester Sumrall. Brother Lester started coming to our church back in the late '70s and he had the greatest spirit of boldness I'd ever seen. I found out that he got it from having Smith Wigglesworth pray over him – Brother Lester told me one time, “You couldn't stay in the same room with Wigglesworth while he was praying; there was such an anointing.” I received that same spirit of boldness from Brother Sumrall.

Wigglesworth used to say, “If you wait to build your faith (for healing) until you need it it's too late.” How do you build your faith for healing? By getting to know Jesus the Healer as He reveals Himself to you through the *Logos* word of God, the Bible. Make it a point to find and meditate on healing Scriptures every week and you will develop a relationship with Jesus the Healer that will stand the tests of time!

Praise the Lord!