



God's Healing Word

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I have been teaching the principles of divine healing for many years, and there is one thing I know for certain. God wants us to be healed! Yet healing cannot be obtained by personal sacrifice or strenuous effort. Physical and mental health cannot be appropriated because of superior intellect or amazing talent. Jesus alone paid the price for our healing. He was the sacrifice for sin, and it is by His stripes we are healed.

I was reminded of this great truth and the futility of our own effort when I was praying for a gentleman who was ill. As I was interceding, I saw him standing with his shirt off and stripes being laid across his back. My heart began to cry out, "No, no, no. Jesus took the stripes for you. You don't have to take them. The price has been paid for your healing." This image of his attempt to personally sacrifice himself was clearly displayed on my heart, and the meaning cannot be misunderstood. We cannot pay the price for our healing.

We attempt to pay the price for our healing when we question God's sacrifice with our words. When our words reflect how we feel or what we see, we relinquish the anchor of God's Word. We are blown about by our senses and the truth of God's sacrifice is negated in our lives. Our confession of doubt and unbelief roadblocks faith and prevents our healing.

Yet almost everyone is challenged by doubt when they face a health crisis and debilitating pain. But these factors DO NOT silence the power of God's promise. God has spoken and His Word is true. The Psalmist says, *"He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."*¹ This tremendous promise is effective in our lives when we believe it and confess it.

Faith is inoperative without confession. We cannot believe in God's healing word and continually voice our dilemma. We must speak God's Words of truth. The apostle Paul writes, *"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is*

What Jesus Did

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I've had the occasion to doubt God's desire to heal. Maybe I'm meant to endure this. Maybe I'll learn something from it. For one moment in time, deceived by the enemy, I thought God was just being God, and it was good for me.

NOTHING IS FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. In sin, sickness, and infirmity, Jesus completely defeated the devil! He is the Healer.

Time and time again, across the gospels, He healed the sick. No illness or disease, physical or mental incapacity was exempted from His healing work. He healed all ages, the young and the old. He healed all cultures. Multitudes crowded around

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written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."² Without question, this scripture reminds us of the importance of confession.

In the book of James, we again learn this truth when we read that faith without works is dead.³ Obviously, the first work of faith is the spoken word. The apostle Paul emphasized this when he wrote, "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart."⁴ He further declares that man believes with his heart and confesses with his mouth.⁵ In every situation, we must speak God's Word.

We must also eliminate words of doubt from our vocabulary. We cannot receive from God when speaking words contrary to the Scripture. When God says that I am healed, our saying, "I feel terrible. I'm getting worse and worse," will not activate His healing power.

I have decided to boldly confess God's words of truth. I believe in Jesus' sacrifice for sin and disease. I know His stripes were the payment for physical dilemmas. My words will echo this truth. Jesus is my healer. I will SAY SO!

¹Ps 107:20 ²2Co 4:13 ³Jas 2:20,22 ⁴Rm 10:8 ⁵Rm 10:10
⁶Lk 6:19 ⁷Mk 6:5 ⁸Jn 3:16; Heb 13:8 ⁹Jn 10:10 ¹⁰Is 53:5

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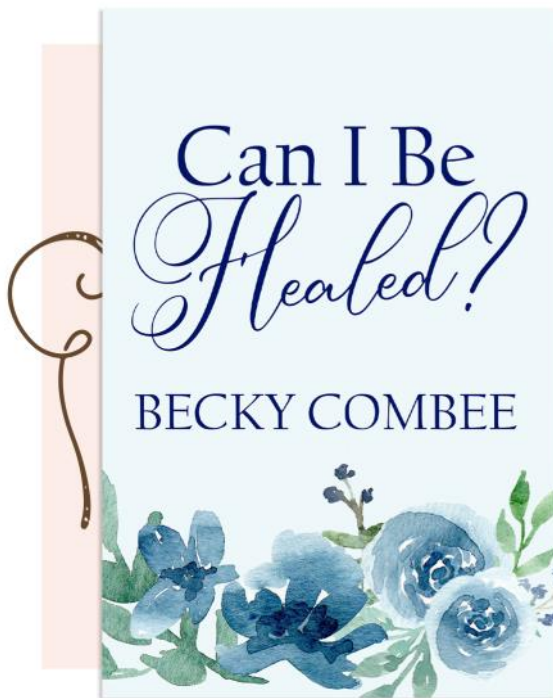
Him, seeking to touch the hem of His garment, and the Scripture says He healed them all.⁶ Only when people doubted His willingness to heal could He not perform a miracle.⁷

Jesus' redemptive work on earth is described fully in Acts 10:38. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." 1 John 3:8 confirms this saying Jesus came to "destroy the works of the devil." This has not changed.

Jesus' victory provides everlasting life, yesterday, today, and forever.⁸ What He did then is what He is still doing today. He was the Healer during His life on earth; He is Healer now for all who will call on His name.

He has provided abundant life to all who will believe.⁹ Though it may not look like anything has changed on the outside, though our doubts still spin within, with the stripes laid on His back, Jesus proved Himself as Healer for all time. He does not count these lightly, but each one is precious. Each drop of blood He shed matters. With His death, He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows.¹⁰ With His Resurrection, He became complete salvation.

I choose to take hold of all that His gift of grace contains, today and always.



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