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## How do Christians receive healing?

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

(James 5:14,15)

In these last days, when so many in the denominations have gone after the imaginations of their own hearts, and divers doctrines of men, the multitudes are so very confused about many things, not the least of which is the subject of healing. And, extraordinarily enough, this is one of the simplest doctrines in the whole Bible!

God told his people Israel in Deuteronomy 7:15 that he would take all sickness away from them if they would obey his word. (See vv.12-15). When he brought them out by their tribes, there was not one feeble person among them (Psalm 105:37). He explained furthermore that every sickness and disease was a part of the curse of the law (Deuteronomy 28:15, 61), and would come upon the disobedient, and also that when they would return to him, he would heal them (2 Chronicles 7:14).

We are told in the New Testament that,

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree..." (Galatians 3:13).

And again,

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24).

In both Old and New Testaments there are multitudes of times that God healed people, and there is not one instance where he ever told anyone to go to a doctor, or take medication.

Not one.

Ever.

When he came in the flesh to his people Israel, there were vast multitudes that came to him on many occasions with divers diseases, and they were healed every one! The references are too numerous to mention here...check it out for yourself. Not one walked away sick, and not one ever got sent to a doctor, or told to take medication.

So...

Why are so many in the false churches today not obeying the scripture, but turning to doctors and medicines to get healed of their sicknesses?

It is very simply because they do not believe the word of God.

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"And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief...For the word of God is quick [living], and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 3:18,19, 4:12).

The word of God is the flaming sword that turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life (Genesis 3:24); it is the sword of the spirit (Ephesians 6:17); and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart of man...that is, by the word of God, we are able to see what is otherwise invisible...we can see what is really in the hearts of men and women! When they profess to love God, but refuse to keep his word, we know they are liars.

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

(1 John 2:4)

So you can see that the reason they do not obey the word of God is very simply because they do not believe it. Yes, they may go to "church"...they may be the loudest praiser and the most eloquent prayer in the whole house...they may even be the pastor...but if they do not obey the word of God, they do not believe the word of God, and they are liars. Period.

In Galatians 5:19-21, Paul the apostle was listing some things (17) that he was proclaiming to be "works of the flesh". The flesh lusteth against the spirit (Galatians 5:17), and they that live after the flesh shall die (Romans 8:13). Paul said of these 17 works of the flesh, that, "...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (v.21).

The second item in verse 20 is "witchcraft". Witchcraft can be many things, but in this case is it used specifically as a work of the flesh, and is translated from the Greek word "pharmakeia", from which we get our word "Pharmacy", and explicitly means "medication". Even the Strong's concordance will show that (#5331).

This is NOT using the original language to change the meaning of a word in order to form a doctrine. This is rather a pointing out the true meaning of a passage of scripture with the use of right reason and truth.

Pharmacology is witchcraft. It has always been, and it will always be. The man who is now called a pharmacist was at one time commonly called the witch doctor; and his job was to mix chemical potions to cure diseases. His job remains the same; it is only his title that has changed, to a Greek word, to divert the average person from looking it up in a dictionary to find out what it means, and what he is doing!

Christian---you who say with your forked tongue that after prayer, you believe that God is going to "use the medicine" to heal you, or that you think he is going to "work through the doctors", do you really think that even the youngest of true believers are going to fall for your lies? And better yet, do you really think that the Almighty God is going to be fooled by your craftiness to cover up your unbelief and wickedness?

Go ahead and take the potions of the doctors and be healed, and die in your sins! But do not any longer pollute the Holy Name of the Living God with your pretended praises and hypocritical

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mockings! God is not mocked, and his true ones are not deceived. So either believe his word and let him save you and heal you, or turn to the physicians of Egypt and die with them; but at least make up your mind.

But since you will continue to remain lukewarm in the churches, the Master has declared that he will spue you out of his mouth. (Revelation 3:16)

Now let me deal briefly with the silly arguments of the theological gainsayers who think that they can use one passage of the scripture to nullify or contradict another...

There are those who would pervert 1 Timothy 5:23 to preach that we should use medicine for our sicknesses...

"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and for thine often infirmities."

First of all, there was no mention here of medicine, but of wine. Secondly, it is evident from just reading the sentence that Timothy was hesitant, as a bishop, to drink any wine; and he was obviously having a problem with the water he was drinking where he was; and Paul was telling him that it was ok for him to drink "a little" wine, so that his stomach would feel better, and the water would not be making him sick. That was what Paul was communicating to him. That is so simple...

Next, there is the case of Trophimus, whom Paul left at Miletum sick. (2 Timothy 4:20). The scripture does not tell us what Trophimus was sick of, nor does it tell us to what lengths he was prayed for. The scripture does not state that it was not God's will to heal him, nor does it say anywhere later that he did not recover. From the rest of the testimony of the scripture it may be assumed that Trophimus had been prayed for, and that it was fully expected for him to recover from his illness. The fact that he was sick does not teach us that God chose not to heal him; and for many to teach this is simply ridiculous and unscriptural.

Then, there are those who refer to Paul's statement in Colossians 4:14 that Luke was a physician. These brute beasts (who know only the flesh) assert that because Luke was a physician, that it is all right for us as Christians to practice medicine and go to doctors to heal us. But where does the scripture record any instance of Luke, after his becoming a Christian, practicing the medical arts on anyone? Giving someone medicine? Performing surgery? These blind guides actually believe and teach that Luke was practicing witchcraft while at the same time doing the work of the royal priesthood of God! Yes, Luke was a physician. Matthew was a publican. Simon Peter was a fisherman. But these left all to follow Jesus. (Luke 18:28-30). Luke may have administered "first aid" (Such as the cleaning and binding up of open wounds---see for example Luke 10:33-35), but he did not practice the art of medicine, because it was [and is] witchcraft and an abomination to God!

Lastly, there is the issue of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" in 2 Corinthians 12:7. The teaching of the scripture is so very clear on this, and the gainsayers' lies so ridiculous, that it seems such a grief to me to even have to address it. But here I must...

First, please just go ahead and read the 12th chapter of 2 Corinthians. That should clear up the whole matter for you right away. If there is still any confusion, let me tell you of a truth that the "thorn" that Paul was referring to was not at all any kind of sickness; it was rather, "the

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messenger of Satan to buffet me". The "thorn" was the persecutions and tribulations that Paul suffered, for which he besought the Lord 3 times to remove them, but the Lord answered that his grace would be sufficient; therefore Paul said he would rather glory in his infirmity [weakness], because, he said, "when I am weak, then am I strong". Anybody who believes the lie that Paul's "thorn" was a physical sickness just has never taken the time to read the passage of scripture that talks about it. Rather they have gone to their "church" meetings, and opened their Bibles to one or two passages for 30 minutes while their preacher was preaching, and then closed up their Bibles until it's time to open them next week in "church". These people know neither their Bibles nor the Lord Jesus Christ. They believe the lies of the theologians instead of the testimony of the scripture, and they will perish in hell because of it!

Why do you think that Paul had an eye disorder? I'll tell you why...because of the lies of the theologians! (Jesus called it the leaven of the Pharisees). There is no such teaching in the scripture.

Let's look at Galatians 4:13-15.

"Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me."

Now in Acts 13 the Holy Ghost sent Paul and Barnabas on a journey to preach the gospel, and in Acts 16:6 it says that they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia (That's where the Galatians were, folks!)...Between these two places is there any mention of Paul the apostle being blind? Of course not! But there is mention several places in the Bible of him having been persecuted by beatings and stonings and cruel scourgings which naturally left him quite scarred. That is why he mentioned "the temptation which was in my flesh", and "through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you" in Galatians 4. Paul was a man whose body bore the marks of the Lord Jesus (Galatians 6:17). Paul's speaking of their love among the Galatians, and that, if it had been possible, they would have plucked out their own eyes, and given them to him, was not because Paul had no good eyes of his own, as the theologians wrongly assume; but rather because of the intense love and appreciation of the Galatians, who received him, "as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus"...

And Paul made another statement in the 6th chapter of Galatians, saying, "Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand." ... Now this is nothing more than Paul, who normally dictated his epistles, and wrote the last line personally, stating that this time he had written the whole letter with his own hand. That is perfectly simple. But there are those blind guides out there who would have us to believe that Paul was saying here that we should notice how large he was drawing his letters as he wrote, because he was blind, so he had to make the letters real big.

Boys and girls, have you EVER known someone who had to write with bigger letters because they were BLIND? Do you really think it is going to make it easier for a blind person to read or write, if the letters are bigger? That is ridiculous! Plus it is nothing even close to what Paul was saying; and if anyone knows Paul, and the fact that every other letter in the New Testament that he wrote was actually dictated by him, then they understand perfectly what he meant in Galatians 6:11.

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Paul the apostle of Christ was not blind, except for the 3 days after he met the Lord. On the third day the blindness was lifted (Acts 9:18), and there is no mention of it at anytime afterward in the Bible.

Now listen to me...

The liars who want you to think that Paul was blind want you to think that you have a sickness that God won't or can't heal.

But I say again look at all the multitudes that came to him when he came in the flesh to be healed of every sort of disease, spiritual and physical and mental. How many went away sick, or received from the Lord a prescription or a doctor's appointment?

NONE!

They were healed every one. And Jesus Christ has not changed (Hebrews 13:8) He will still heal anyone who will come to him in faith and obedience.

If you are a Christian, then the Bible commands you what to do if you are sick (James 5:14,15). If you have no elders you can call for, then you have a covenant with God. Pray and receive your healing from him. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

John 14:13,14

And if you meet someone who is not a Christian and needs healing, then you may lay hands on them and heal them, or pray for their healing in your own prayer closet.

But for you as a Christian to receive medication, or to give it to others, is clearly defined in the Bible as witchcraft; and those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:21)

And---

"The unbelieving...abominable...and SORCERERS...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

(Revelation 21:8)

"...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

(Luke 18:8)

Christian-----who will you believe...the theologians, or the Bible?

And, when you are sick and need healing, in whom will you trust?

The doctors, or Jesus Christ?

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You cannot trust both, because in trusting one you are denying the other. There is no two ways about it. You are either trusting in the Lord or you are trusting in men and medicine.

So which one will you deny? Which one will you trust?

Am I telling you NOT to take your medicine? No. If that's where you are, and that's what you feel you need to heal you, then keep right on doing so. I'm not telling you not to.

What I am telling you is that you do not NEED to...that God can and will deliver you from the need for medication (which is bondage), and that, if you will believe and obey him, you can be healed of all your diseases by him instead, which is not only easier and cheaper (How much money have you given to the extortioners for your drugs over the years?), but pleasing to the Lord.

You cannot keep on serving the Lord and trusting in the doctors and drugs. You cannot serve two Masters, friend. You must choose only one.

I might add that the time is nigh when you will have to choose between Jesus and your daily food and shelter. When the beast forces all to take his mark so they can be a part of the world trade & commerce system, what will you choose then? Most in the churches have already sold out to Satan.

What will YOU do, friend?

Obey God and live is my plea to you.

Watch and pray, beloved. Maranatha!