

Faith Makes You Well

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There are two ways to receive the Healing Power of God.

1. The primary way is through faith in the Word of God.
2. The secondary way has several methods through the gifts of the Holy Spirit [1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 12:27-31]
 - a. The second way is very popular because all you have to do is be receptive and show up when the gifts are in operation [Healings by Disciples, Mass Healing Events].

God wants you to grow in grace, live by faith, and walk by faith [2 Peter 3:18, Romans 1:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7].

You must learn to receive by faith, through your confidence in what Jesus Christ accomplished at Calvary. Jesus said, "It is finished" [John 19:30, Mark 11:24, Matthew 21:22].

Your faith or confidence is either in Jesus and what He accomplished (grace) or in yourself and what you can do (your works, your righteousness). Salvation, healing, deliverance, or anything provided in the New Testament is not a promise of something God will do in the future. No, a believer in the New Covenant is not waiting on God to do something in the future [Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:19, Mark 14:22-24].

Believers aren't waiting on God to move in the New Testament. It is the reality of what Jesus has already done at Calvary that we focus on. We are looking back to the cross, where Jesus said, "it is finished" [John 19:28-30]

Many people think that "faith" is something you do and sooner or later God will respond and grant healing, salvation, or deliverance. No, that's not Bible faith. You must believe that Jesus has already done it [1 Peter 1:24, Matthew 8:16-17, Romans 8:11, Ephesians 2:4-8]

Then "by faith" reach over into the spirit realm and take what Jesus has already provided. Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe [John 4:48].

Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do [John 6:30]?"

But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him [John 12:37, Matthew 12:38, John 20:27].

The Bible says that signs are for the unbeliever [1 Corinthians 14:22]

You shouldn't require a sign or wonder to believe in God's healing power. Jesus got upset when people required signs and wonders from him to believe. Gifts are given as the Holy Spirit decides for the profit of people [1 Corinthians 12:7]

If you need a healing and God doesn't respond with a miraculous wonder, miracle, or gifts of the Spirit; then you need to realize that God wants you to receive your healing by faith [1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 1 Corinthians 12:27-28]

Gifts of the Spirit are just what it says, they are gifts. But you can always receive the healing virtue of Jesus Christ by faith [Mark 5:34, Mark 10:52, Matthew 9:29].

God wants us to walk by faith and not by gifts. We should make full use of gifts when they are in operation and available to us. We should also promote the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But we shouldn't depend on signs and wonders to carry us in our Christian walk. I didn't say you shouldn't depend on the Holy Spirit. But you shouldn't be dependent on others to get you well. Jesus didn't call Thomas, doubting Thomas, but **faithless**

[unbelieving] Thomas [John 20:27].

Thomas had said previously to the other disciples, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe" [John 20:25]

Jesus told Thomas that individuals in the future would be **blessed** who didn't require "seeing" before "believing". Jesus said, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed" [John 20:29]

Be one of the **blessed ones** who has not seen and yet have believed"
[1 Peter 1:8]

The healing power of Jesus Christ is a constant thing - it doesn't change. It is always available day and night to the believer. God's healing power doesn't require a special person with special gifts to get you healed. Do what these people did. They placed their confidence in Jesus and **their faith** made them whole.

Faith Making Well

In the passages below, Jesus doesn't say **my** miraculous dispensational healing power has made you well. Jesus doesn't say special Gifts of Healing or Working of Miracles, have made you whole
[1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31].

But he says **your faith** has made you whole [Matthew 9:22].

Believers shouldn't **require** a sign or wonder to believe in God's healing power. Jesus got upset when people required signs and wonders from him to believe in his healing power [John 4:48, Luke 1:18-20].

He praised people who just received his healing power by faith
[Matthew 8:10 and Luke 7:9].

Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well. And the woman was made well from that hour
[Matthew 9:22, Mark 5:34, Luke 8:48].

Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? They said to Him, Yes, Lord. Then He touched their eyes, saying, according to your faith let it be to you. And their eyes were opened [Matthew 9:28-30].

Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith... [Matthew 9:2, Mark 2:5, Luke 5:20].

Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well [Luke 17:18-19].

Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, Son of David, have mercy on me! Jesus answered and said to him, What do you want Me to do for you? The blind man said to Him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight. Then Jesus said to him, Go your way; your faith has made you well. And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road [Mark 10:52, Luke 18:42].

But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such **great faith**, not even in Israel [Matthew 8:7-11, Luke 7:7]!

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me! But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs. And she said, Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire. And her daughter was healed from that very hour [Matthew 15:28, Mark 7:27-29].

And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yes, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all [Acts 3:16].

Demonstrations of Faith

In the Book of James we read that "faith without works is dead [James 2:20] or "faith without works is useless" [NASB].

Faith that does not produce the appropriate corresponding action is dead, useless, inoperative, inactive, ineffective and worthless. We do not strive to do good works to be righteous. Believers produce the appropriate actions to faith because we are righteous through Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul said, "and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" [Philippians 3:9, Galatians 2:16]

All the passages below are examples of faith that produced a **demonstration** of faith.

"Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith..." [Matthew 9:2, Mark 2:5, Luke 5:20].

"Then He said to the man, stretch out your hand. And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other" [Matthew 12:13, Mark 3:5, Luke 6:10].

"He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing" [John 9:6].

"And they lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! So when He saw them, He said to them, Go, show yourselves to the priests. And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed" [Luke 17:13].

"Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David! So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, What do you want Me to do for you? They said to Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So

Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him" [Matthew 20:31].

"Jesus said to him, Rise, take up your bed and walk. And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked" [John 5:8].

God is Willing for You to be Healed

"Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, If You are willing, You can make me clean. Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean [Matthew 8:1-3, Mark 1:40, Luke 5:12].

You must know that it is God's Sovereign Will for you to be healed,
Receive Your Healing

Steps to Receiving:

1. Desire
2. Pray
3. Believe That You Receive
 - a. You Must Believe
 - b. God's Sovereign Will
 - c. Confidence in God's Word
4. You Shall Have Them

Desire [ask] + Pray + Believe You Receive = It Will Be Yours

[Mark 11:24 and Matthew 21:22]

Desire

Do you **really desire** to be well?

Many people would like to be well but they don't want to *invest* the time necessary. They don't want to invest the time in seeking Jesus the healer and receiving God's healing power.

Look at all the examples of Jesus healing in the New Testament [Healings of Jesus Christ]. In most cases, someone invested the time in seeking Jesus. They either pushed through a crowd [Mark 5:27], tore off a roof [Mark 2:4], or faced some obstacle to get to Jesus [Luke 18:39].

There are some cases that Jesus showed mercy, without requiring faith [Merciful Healings of Jesus]. But in most cases someone demonstrated faith and made some effort to seek Jesus. The most important thing to remember is to seek Jesus the healer, then ask to receive your healing. In the New Testament people were seeking Jesus Christ personally [Jeremiah 29:13].

Their focus was on Jesus. When they found Jesus they found healing or what ever they needed. Put your **focus** on Jesus the healer. Do you **really desire** to be well? Jesus asked this same question to the man who had been sick for over 38 years in (John 5:6)

Jesus said to the man, "Do you want to be made well?" Or in the New Living Translation, "Would you like to get well"? Some people want to get well but they feel unworthy; or they feel they deserve to be sick; or God is punishing them for past sins. Other sick persons want to receive disability payments or avoid unpleasant situations due to sickness than to be healed. In some cases sick people would prefer to be dependent on others and assume the sick role, rather than to be healed. Jesus is still asking the question today, do you **really desire** to be well?

The next question is, do you have confidence in God's healing power to invest the time to receive? Be honest with yourself about your faith or confidence level in Jesus' willingness and ability to heal you. If your confidence level is low, invest the time in "renewing your mind".

Spend time meditating and confessing God's healing promises. Allow your faith to become **fully persuaded** as Abraham did [Romans 4:20-21]

It is easy to receive your healing from Jesus, if your mind is renewed to the willingness and ability of God to heal you. In the Old Testament the Bible tells about King Asa who, "became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not **seek** the LORD, but the physicians" [2 Chronicles 16:11-13]

There is nothing wrong in seeking medical care. But it is wrong when a

believer seeks only physicians and not God for their healing.

Pray

Prayer is the way that a believer in Jesus Christ does business with Heaven. Faith is the currency of Heaven [Hebrews 11:6]

Jesus gives the believer many wonderful prayer instructions and promises [Matthew 7:7-11, John 14:13-14, John 15:7, John 15:16]

A believer prays to God in Jesus' Name to obtain what is made freely available to us by Jesus Christ [Romans 8:32]

Prayer is how a believer receives from God [John 16:23-24, Luke 11:9-13, Matthew 18:19].

Believe That You Receive

People have problems in three areas.

1. The first problem area is in the believing or placing confidence in Jesus' healing power.
2. The second problem area is in the how or the actual way they are going to receive Jesus' healing power.
3. And thirdly, continuing to "believe that you receive" when there is a ***time period*** between receiving by faith God's healing power and the physical manifestation of healing. If there wasn't usually a time period between believing and receiving, Jesus wouldn't have instructed us to continue to "believe that you receive". The confusion has developed because the manifestations of healings through Special Ministries and Gifts of the Spirit are instantaneous or nearly instantaneous and spectacular to the recipient [1 Corinthians 12:27-31 and 1 Corinthians 12:7-11]

The only disadvantage to this method, is the Gifts of the Spirit and Special Ministries must be available and in operation for the recipient to receive. Healing through faith or confidence in God's Word is always available to the believer. But it requires the believer to exercise faith and continue to "believe that you receive" until you actually have the

physical manifestation of your healing.

You Must Believe

In the area of healing **you must believe**. You must be persuaded and place confidence that Jesus has already provided your healing at Calvary. Many people **Desire + Pray**.

They desire to be healed and then they attempt to talk God into healing them. They try to talk God into doing what he has already provided through Jesus Christ at Calvary. They do not **position** themselves to "believe that they receive" [Mark 11:24 and Matthew 21:22].

A believer must believe to **receive** what Jesus has already provided, "he took my infirmities and bore my sickness [Matthew 8:16-17] and with his stripes I am healed [Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24].

If you are not sure Jesus is your healer, then you will not be able to receive your healing by faith. Your unbelief or lack of confidence in this area will either stop or limited what God can do for you [Matthew 13:58, Mark 6:5-7, Help my Unbelief and Do You Need to do The Impossible?]

God's Sovereign Will

You must **understand** that it is God's Sovereign will for you to be physically whole.

The Leper said to Jesus, "if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus responded, "I am willing; be cleansed" [Matthew 8:2-3, Matthew 8:2-4]

Is there any reported case in the New Testament where Jesus said, "I can't heal you today, It's not the Father's sovereign will to heal you?" Jesus told Philip, "he who has seen Me has seen the Father" [John 14:9]

In Colossians 1:15, the Apostle Paul declares that Jesus, "is the image of the invisible God" and "the image of God" in 2 Corinthians 4:4 .

Paul is saying, if you have seen Jesus then you have seen the invisible God. The invisible Godhead becomes visible in Jesus Christ [Romans 1:20, Colossians 2:8-10, Acts 17:29]

If Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature, the image of the invisible God, and the Word of God made flesh [John 1:14]; what does the Word of God look like?

What does the scripture say Jesus was doing throughout the Gospels? He was "teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people" [Matthew 4:23]

So we see what the Word of God looks like when it becomes flesh. The Scripture also says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" [Hebrews 13:8]

Mankind is constantly changing but Jesus Christ is the same for ever. What Jesus did in the Bible, he will do now. If Jesus healed all that came to him for physical healing in the Bible, will he not do the same today? [Luke 9:11, Immutability of God]

Confidence in God's Word

You need to have confidence in God's Word. God doesn't say one thing and mean another. Many people quote, The famous English hymnist William Cowper in saying, "*God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform*". They try to explain to you that God is very mysterious in his interaction with mankind. They quote Isaiah 55:8-9, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts".

In this passage, God is talking about extending forgiveness to wicked persons [Isaiah 55:7-9]

It is difficult for humanity to understand and comprehend the ways of God in forgiving and showing mercy to the wicked.

They will quote, "for since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waits for him" [Isaiah 64:4]

But they **don't** quote the Apostle Paul who quotes Isaiah 64:4 in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, and adds this statement, "*But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit*" [1 Corinthians 2:10]

Paul continues with, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God" [1 Corinthians 2:12]

They don't quote, For who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ [1 Corinthians 2:16]

A believer has the "mind of Christ". A believer has the "Spirit of Truth" [John 14:26, John 16:13-15, NASB].

God wants you to understand and have confidence in the things that Jesus Christ suffered and died to provide for you. You Shall Have Them Jesus gives us his guarantee that if we truly desire, ask in prayer, and receive what he has already provided, then we will obtain what we desire.