

FIVE REASONS FOR CHRISTIANS TO EXPECT JESUS TO HEAL THEIR BODIES

1. Because one of the compound names of God In the Old Testament [Exodus 15:26] is Jehovah-rapha (Jehovah heals). And He is the Same yesterday, and today and forever.
2. Because Christ died on the cross to atone for our sicknesses just as he died to atone for our Sins. [Isaiah 53: 4-6]
3. Because sickness is the result of Satan’s work when he introduced sin into the world and Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. [John 10:10]
4. Because the Lord wants to sanctify us completely: spirit, soul and body- so as to be preserved blameless at His coming.
5. Because of Christ’s Great Commission in Mark 16: 15-18 – His ‘last will and testament’
for the Church which includes healing .

APPROPRIATE YOUR HEALING

1. Go to the Word for strengthening (Building faith)
2. Go to God for directions (how to proceed)
3. Release your faith for healing (usually a prayer or confession)
4. Don’t be moved by symptoms or circumstances (guard and retain your confession)
5. Receive the healing in your body and thank Him for all His love and provision toward you.

HEALING AND THE ELDERS

“Is anyone among you sick? 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 will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”
James 5:14, 15

This Scripture deals with the believer taking the initiative to secure healing. After you have prayed by yourself and maybe with a prayer partner but without results, the next step in God’s process is to go to or call for the elders of the church. They should pray over you, anoint you with oil and pray the ‘prayer of faith’ for complete restoration and healing.

Suggested Healing Model

(Based on the ministry of the Lord to those who were sick)

1. Interview the person about their request for healing (what pain or symptoms are present)
2. Seek to discern what may be the cause of the sickness.
3. Select a prayer (based on your understanding of what type of prayer is needed) and pray with the person for healing
4. Keep your eyes open as you pray and look for evidences of God’s presence and healing
5. Give any post prayer encouragement or direction.



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“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” III John 2

IS GOD WILLING TO HEAL?

Although by very definition- God can do anything- including healing, the real question becomes is it the will of God to heal today. The ministry and teaching of Jesus Christ on this question is quite clear and emphatic. His response should settle forever the question of, ‘Is it the will of God to make whole – to heal today?’ He healed every person who approached Him with a need for healing. Every person ...every time! And He is the same yesterday, today and forever. On several occasions He healed all that were sick- whether they approached Him or not.

“When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.”
Matt. 8:16

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”
Matt. 4:23

His willingness to heal was so well known, only one person in Scripture (a leper) questioned His willingness to heal; the question was so significant that all three writers recorded it! (Matt. 8:2-4, Mark 1:40-42; Luke 5:12-14)

*“And behold, a leper came and worshipped Him, saying, ‘**Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean**’ then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, **“I am willing; be cleansed.”** Immediately his leprosy was*

HEALING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

“Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits; who forgives all your iniquities, and heals all your diseases.”
Ps. 103: 2,3

ISAIAH 53

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”
Isaiah 53: 4, 5

This prophetic declaration not only foretells Christ’s punishment for our sins, but also the stripes He took for our healing. To make sure we understand the full meaning of Isaiah 53, Jesus Himself comments on this verse in the New Testament.

“When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying; ‘He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.’” Matt. 8:16, 17

As Isaiah looked to the future when Christ would provide for the healing of our bodies, Peter looks back on the finished work of the cross.

“ Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-by whose stripes you were healed.”
I Pt. 2:24

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

By definition a Christian is a ‘follower of Christ’ and as such we are to follow and imitate the example and teaching He gave. Jesus made it clear in His ministry and teaching that healing should be part of the ‘Good News’ we are called to proclaim. Healing is part of the charge and commissioning of all believers today; as it was for the 12 and the 70.

The Twelve

*“And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to **heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.**”*

Matthew 10:1

The Seventy

*“After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. And **heal the sick there, and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near to you.**”*

Luke 10: 1, 9

The Great Commission

*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**”*

Mark 16:15-18