

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Changing Church Challenges 2015
Grace Rules!

3 Grace for Healing

TEXT: Romans 5:20-21 Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

There are a lot of ideas about grace. We established the grace for salvation. When I sin after salvation, I have my spot removed by confessing and believing. Today, how do I access grace for healing my body?

Luke 5:17-26 gives us a clue. In this passage we see Jesus teaching in Peter's house (see Mk 2:1). This is where He only recently healed Peter's mother-in-law and then had a great outpouring of healings and miracles. When He saw the multitudes in need He withdrew to pray. In this particular setting, there was only one man who received healing though the power was there to heal any who would believe.

- ❖ The power is present to heal here today
 - Acts 10:38 The anointing of the Holy Spirit was upon Jesus to heal the sick. Notice the usage in Acts 1:8 - The power is present on us as well, though it is a corporate anointing that equals to the full measure on Jesus.
 - The power of God is present to heal whenever we are here together Mt 18:20 For where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am there among them." NLT
 - **The power to heal is available anywhere the Word of God is preached.** The variable is in the receiving.
 - Romans 10:17
 - Romans 1:16 -17
 - 1 Thess 2:13
- ❖ Tenacious faith taps the power that is already available.
 - This man had four buddies who were willing to get him to Jesus at any cost.
 - Thank God for a few stalwarts in the Church who will come with an expectation of what God can do for someone else!!!
 - Notice the selfishness of the religious listeners - they could have made way for the sick man.
 - "Oh well. It must not be God's will, there's no room." NO! You determine God's will by the Word. You may have to knock a dead head out of the way!

- Notice, Jesus saw their faith. Like it or not, it says Jesus knew of their faith because of what they did.
- What if we had 4 or 40 or 140 who came prepared to release faith to heal the invalid?
- The man was finally lying at the feet of Jesus, only to hear Him say, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." Forgiveness of sin was not what he came for. He could have gotten angry, discouraged, or even grateful to get it and feel he was blessed just to have this. Instead, he stayed quiet!!!!
- ❖ Jesus gives a lesson in simple faith for healing.
 - Their question was, "How can this man forgive sins unless He is God." Jesus offered them an answer by way of a simple demonstration.
 - The same power that relieves us of sin also heals our bodies. **God is not intimidated by your illness.** You need not be either.
 - It is all part of the same work: Isaiah 53:4-5 / Psalms 103:1-6
 - The same simple faith receives healing and forgiveness. They are eternally bound together.
 - The religionists never argued, they knew this to be the case.
 - Healing was part of their doctrine of Jehovah. Ex 15:26.
 - We have a better covenant with better promises Heb 8:6
 - Jesus then offered proof of His ability to forgive sins.
 - To the doctors of the law, He proved His forgiving power by demonstrating His healing power: , "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins..."
 - To the man on the couch He said, "I say to you, arise take up your bed and go to your house." Jesus Christ presented His power to heal as absolute proof that He has the power to forgive. The two are inextricably linked. Neither is more difficult than the other and both are received the same way - by faith.

Which is easier to say? Can you say that you have been forgiven by the blood of the Lamb? Then you can as easily say, "I am healed by the stripes of Jesus. I live under a new and better covenant, established on better promises. I will not forget nor forego a single blessing that is mine because of Christ. I am healed by grace through faith and that is not of myself, it is the gift of God. Thank You, Lord for this wonderful healing gift!.