

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Strong Foundations: Healing

There are many teachings in the Body of Christ concerning the practice of divine healing. Our understanding of divine healing is one of the real distinctives of our church. We want you to understand the basics of the subject and receive your healing.

♥ Common doctrines which we DO NOT believe:

- **We do not believe that healing has passed away.**
 - 1 Corinthians 13:10 is given as evidence. The context makes it apparent that this refers to the 2nd coming of the Lord. Hebrews 13:8 / Exodus 15:26 / Hebrews 8:6 Jehovah Rapha always was a healing God and He always will be.
- **We do not believe God wills for some to be sick.** If a person believes it is the will of God for him to be sick then he should cease all efforts to get well. John 14:9. Jesus was the will of God in human form. Acts 10:38 He went about healing all who were oppressed of the devil.
- **We do not believe that God is capricious.** Some believe that whatever is must be the will of God. If God is all powerful then He must always get His way. If this were true, then all would be saved since we know that this is His will (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Some believe that God sovereignly makes some sick and heal others, based on a mysterious notion of the higher good. They believe that God can act contrary to His Word because He is God. Titus 1:2 His Word is His will. He cannot lie by changing His mind.
- **We do not believe that healing is for the spirit of man only.** Why do we need to be healed in spirit when we have been recreated in spirit? 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **We so not believe that physical healing is for the millennium.** We will have glorified bodies like unto His glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21
- **We do not believe that God uses disease to teach us.** He has ordained that the Holy Spirit is our teacher. Nowhere does He indicate that He will assign Satan to teach us anything.

♥ **We believe** healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith and by the laying on of hands. It is provided for in the atonement of Christ and is the privilege of every member of the Church today.

- We agree with Isaiah 53:4-5. He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows and by His stripes we are healed. Griefs = Choli (Heb) - translated sickness 90% of the time. Sorrow = Makob (Heb) - translated pain 50% of the time.
 - Amplified: Surely He has borne our griefs - sickness weakness and distress - and carried our sorrows and pain. Verse 5b ... and with the stripes that wounded Him we are healed and made whole.
 - Verse 10 uses "choli" in clearly substitutionary terms. He bore sin just as He bore sickness. AMP - *He has put Him to grief and made Him sick.*
 - Verse 4. **Borne** is a specifically substitutionary word. See Leviticus 16:22 the scapegoat. Whatever He did with your sins, He also did it with your sickness. **Carried** describes someone who carries a load for another, like a sky cap at the airport.
 - Matthew 8:16-17. Makes it quite clear he is referring to physical healing in this life.

♥ How is healing received?

- Ephesians 2:8 tells us that the work of Christ is received by grace through faith. If healing is in the same atoning work, then it is received the same way.
- James 5:14-15 It is the prayer of faith that saaves the sick
 - Mark 16:14-18. May also use laying on of hands.
 - No matter the method, faith receives the blessing of God According to your faith: Matthew 8:13 / Matthew 15:28 / Mark 5:34 / Mark 10:52
- Romans 10:9-10 Believe with the heart/confess with the mouth. Healing is received in this same manner.

2 Corinthians 4:13 Faith speaks what it believes.
I believe in my heart that He bore my sickness and carried my pain
and by His stripes I was healed.
I confess with my mouth that Jesus is my Healer.