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DIVINE HEALING

Every person who has ever lived upon the face of the earth has been acquainted with sickness, injury or disease. Some people have lived their entire lives under the dominion of some crippling disease. Billions of dollars are spent every year in medicine and research trying to fight sickness and disease. A worldwide network of hospitals and clinics manned by thousands of doctors, surgeons and nurses fight illness night and day, every day, all day. Where did all this sickness come from? Did God intend for man to have to fight off sickness and disease all his life? Has God ignored this problem or has He done something for us? What has He done? All these questions and others are answered in this study.

I. THE PROBLEM OF SICKNESS

To find out where sickness came from, we must turn back to God's record of the beginning of life and creation of man. Read Genesis 1:27-31 and answer the following four questions.

- 1. What pattern did God use to create man? God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- If man was created in the very image of God, do you think sickness was a part of His creation of man? No God doesn't get sick.
- 3. What position was man given over all other forms of life? have dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

This place of dominion over all other forms of life would include any bacteria, viruses, or other disease-carrying insects or organisms.

4. When God looked over all creation, what was His evaluation of all His works? _________
God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

We can see that man was created a perfect being. Sin, sickness and death were never meant to be a part of life for man. Turn to the tragic account of man's fall from God and from his high position as the one created in the image of God. This account is found in Genesis chapter three.

5. What would happen if Adam or his wife disobeyed God? Gen. 3:3,4 They would die

The Lord said they would die if they were to disobey the one command He gave. There are actually two deaths man experiences: spiritual and physical. Adam and his wife, Eve, experienced both deaths as immediate results of disobeying God. We can see that spiritual death immediately set in as their relationship with God was broken down, and suddenly they were afraid of God.

6. What did Adam and Eve do after they sinned and the Lord drew near to them? Genesis 3:6-8 Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees

of the garden

7. What caused this spiritual death or separation between God and man? Isa. 59:1,2

iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

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Also, at the time of man's fall from God, physical death and corruption entered into the very bloodstream of man.

- 9. What did God say would happen to the physical body of man? Genesis 3:19 for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. It would return to the ground.
- 10. Write out the meaning of Romans 5:12. Because Adam Sinned death interred in, as a result all to come inherit death, and a sin nature.

From the moment sin entered in until now, every person faces and experiences death.

11. What does Hebrews 9:27 say? it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Man was originally created to live forever in the holiness and fear of God. But with the entrance of sin came spiritual and physical corruption. With physical corruption came sickness, disease, illness and the process of aging. Disobeying God left the door open for all the mental, emotional, and physical corruption of the devil. (Acts 10:38) The devil himself is a fallen angel who is guilty of disobedience to God and seeks to corrupt others. (I Peter 5:8) Read Isaiah 1:2-7. The author is speaking to the nation of Israel; however, it is a picture of any nation or people who rebel against God and ultimately is a picture of the entire human race having rebelled and turned away from God. Observe how spiritual and physical corruption are linked so closely as the result of sin.

12. From Isaiah 1:5,6 list three of the things mentioned about physical corruption.

- \mathbf{a} , he whole head is sick
- b. the whole heart faint.
- c. the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores

Also read Psalm 38:3-10 and note the condition of fallen man. Answer the following three questions from this passage.

13. What is the reason for no soundness in our flesh and no rest (health)? There is no soundness in my

flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

14. What is man's heavy burden in life that has caused all sorrow and pain? iniquities

15. What happens to our strength as we grow older? my strength faileth me

In verse seven the cry is "my loins are filled with a loathsome disease". The loins represent the very center of man's physical being. Out of humanity has come every possible "loathsome disease". Hospitals, sanitariums and institutions are overflowing with the by-products of man's sin and disobedience to God. There are diseases of every possible organ in the human body including mental and emotional disorders, diseases of the heart, liver, lungs, blood, bones, skin, kidneys, stomach, blood vessels, muscles, nerves, glands, etc., etc. The list is endless. Man is still at work night and day classifying and researching new diseases and disorders in the human body. All this entered in when man left his place of dominion over the earth and humble submission to God. What a great price man has paid for his rebellion and indifference toward the God who created him!

BUT GOD IS NOT INDIFFERENT TO MAN. God has not left man to suffer the effects of disobedience and sin. Some people will say that the Lord has forgiven sin and destroyed the curse of death but has left us to suffer sickness. Praise our God that this is not true! Jesus Christ came to set us free from every destructive and hurtful effect of the fall of man.

Turn to Psalm 103 and read this wonderful psalm of praise. Answer the next four questions from Psalm 103:1-5.

- 16. What does David say he should not forget? Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases
- 17. What are the two benefits of the Lord that he mentions? Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
- 18. How many iniquities will He forgive and how many diseases will He heal? All
- 19. From what has He redeemed our life? From Destruction

II. JESUS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE

In order to redeem our life from all manner of destruction, physical or spiritual, the Lord Jesus Christ had to become our substitute and take upon Himself all the sins and sufferings of mankind. This was the price for our freedom. God is a just God and therefore would not lightly excuse away our sin, but rather He suffered and died to pay the full penalty Himself. Read the great prophecy of Isaiah 53. This is a well-known passage describing Jesus Christ as our substitute for all the hurts and ills of mankind.

20. What two things in Isaiah 53:4 did Jesus bear or carry for us?

he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows

Isaiah 53:5 mentions three different effects of sin upon the human race that affect us in three different areas: spiritual, emotional and physical. Answer the next three questions from this verse.

- 21. Spiritually, our problem is the iniquity and the transgressions of our soul. What did the Lord do about this? he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities
- 22. Emotionally, man must have peace within himself. The Lord knew that sin would bring worry, loneliness, fear, bitterness, etc., that would take peace from our hearts. What did the Lord take to make sure we could have peace? <u>the chastisement of our peace was upon him</u>

The stripes refer to the physical beating with a whip that was part of the punishment given to a criminal. See Deuteronomy 25:2,3. In the mind of the Lord, He purposely gave Himself to this physical beating to suffer and pay the price for our physical needs for health and freedom from illness and disease.

- 24. Read I Peter 2:24 and write out the last phrase of this scripture. <u>that we</u>, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
- 25. The actual account of the beating or stripes Jesus endured for our healing is found in Matthew 27:26 and John 19:1. Write out John 19:1. The Pilat took Jesus and Scourged Him.

This is **your** promise and assurance that sickness and pain are **PAID FOR**. You do not have to pay twice for anything spiritual any more than you have to pay twice for your groceries!

26. Read John 19:1-30. When you have read the entire account of the sufferings and death of Jesus as our substitute, then write out what He said in verse 30. It is Finished!

We can see now why the Bible says in I Peter 2:24, "... by whose stripes ye were healed", ... because almost 2,000 years ago Jesus said, "It is finished".

27. What does this mean for you if or when you are sick? The Healing is already given.

Answer the next two questions from Matthew 8:16,17.

- 28. How many of the sick were healed by Jesus? All that were brought to Him.
- 29. Why could Jesus freely give healing to all? (Be sure to answer this question directly from scripture.) It is Finished. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet,

saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

III. THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF CHRIST REVEALS GOD'S WILL FOR MANKIND

Now we will look into the life of the Lord Jesus Christ as the example of God's will, God's purpose and God's ministry to mankind. Some may say that the Lord works differently now, but we are thankful to the Lord that He never changes!

30. Write out Hebrews 13:8. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to day, and forever.

31. Write out the first part of Malachi 3:6. I am The Lord, I change not.

In the four gospel accounts, the Lord Jesus gives us a clear picture of how He would still minister today were it not for unbelief. Read Matthew 4:23-25. These verses tell of the beginning of His ministry on earth. What are the three basic areas of ministry that Jesus performed? v. 23

32.	Teaching in the synogogue								
33.	Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom								
34.	and Healing all manner of illnesses.								
35	What kind of people were brought to Jesus? $y = 24$	all sick people that were taken with divers							

- diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were function when the set of the set
- 36. What did Jesus do when all these people with such serious illnesses were brought to Him? v. 24 He healed them
- 37. How do you think Jesus will act today when these same type of people are brought to Him? He will heal them.

Read the account of the healing recorded in Matthew 8:5-10. Answer the next four questions from these verses.

38. What was Jesus' response when He first heard about the centurion's sick servant? he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

- 39. What did the centurion say was all that Jesus needed to do? <u>speak the word only</u>, and my servant shall be healed.
- 41. What caused Jesus to marvel? Faith
- 42. In Matthew 9:1-6, what two things were obviously an equal part of the ministry of the Lord? Forgiving Sins and Healing people

Answer the next five questions from Matthew9:18-26andLuke 8:41-56.

43. How did the ruler first approach Jesus when he came to tell of his dying daughter? He approached Jesus with faith that he could restore his daughter.

This is an important key for those who are reaching out to receive something from God.

- 45. As He passed through the crowds to go to the ruler's house, what had this woman with an issue of blood decided in her heart? That if she could just touch Jesus she would be healed.
- 46. Was it His garment that made her whole? No What was it? Her Faith and Belief
- What did Jesus do for the ruler's daughter? Brought her back to life, arranged for food.
 Nothing is impossible with our God ...not yesterday, today, nor ever!
 Answer the next three questions from Matthew 9:27-31.
- 48. What did Jesus perceive that the two blind men were actually requesting? Live Spiritually Thou son of David, have mercy on us. but Jesus knew they wanted to see.
- 50. What principle did Jesus establish here for all who would seek to receive something from Him? Believing you shall receive all in His will that you ask of Him.

Matthew 9:35 is perhaps the best single verse in all the gospels that tells of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the resurrected Christ today moves through His body, the Church, this is still His ministry all over the world.

healing every sickness, and disease the people had that came to Him.

52. When Jesus called out workers to minister the gospel with Him, what did He give them? Matt. 10:1
he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

- 54. What does it mean when something is "at hand"? _______about to occur, next up,
- 55. What else were they to do besides preach? Matt. 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
- 56. Read the commission of the disciples in Luke 9:1,2. What are the two parts to the ministry as told in verse 2? to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Turn to Luke 7;19-23. John the Baptist had been imprisoned for preaching the gospel. During this time the ministry of Christ had flourished and touched many lives. While John was in prison he apparently had heard many different reports about the Lord Jesus. Finally, he sent two of his own disciples to ask Jesus if He indeed was the promised Son of God and Savior of the world. Answer the next three questions from this passage of scripture.

57. What did the two men want to know?

Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

- 58. What was Jesus doing when they came to Him? ______Jesus cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

All these and many other scriptures should make it unquestionably clear that divine healing is an integral, inseparable part of God's plan and purpose for the redemption of mankind. Sometimes other people may try to discourage you as you reach out for God's healing power for yourself or for another. Some may tell you that it may not be God's time or God's will, but it is **always** God's will to minister life whether it be physical or spiritual.

- 60. According to John 10:10, why did Jesus come? Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
- 61. The leper in Mark 1:40-42 was in doubt about the Lord's will. What did Jesus say His will was? Jesus saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. It was Jesus' will to cleans him.
- 62. What does the Lord say His will is for us in III John 2? Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth... Though a disciple said it.

The Lord's time to minister life and salvation is always now.

63. According to II Corinthians 6:2, when is the right time for God to minister His salvation? <u>Now</u>

Remember, salvation included the stripes He bore for our healing.

Perhaps the arguments of God's will or God's time, were some of the things used by the people who tried to quiet poor blind Bartimaeus. In Mark 10:46-52, notice that even though he was told not to call on Jesus in that way, he was **determined** to get through to Jesus and receive his healing. Answer the next four questions from this account.

66. What did the Lord ask Bartimaeus? What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?

In His infinite wisdom Jesus knew exactly what Bartimaeus wanted; however, He wanted Bartimaeus to be specific in his prayer. Purposeful and specific prayer is part of the prayer of faith, and this is the prayer that enables us to receive from God.

67. Bartimaeus would have said, "Jesus made me whole", but what did Jesus say made him whole? thy faith hath made thee whole.

Many times there are obstacles of unbelief and spiritual battles that must be fought. Just like Bartimaeus was fighting his way through the crowd and crying until his voice was heard, we also must determine to make direct contact with God in His presence so that we may receive our healing.

68. Who were the ones who were healed in Mark 6:56? they laid the sick in the streets, and as many as touched him were made whole.

IV. THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST CONTINUES IN HIS CHURCH

The Bible shows that miracles were not just for the ministry of Christ but for the Church as well. The ministry of healing the sick was clearly meant to be a part of the New Testament church. After Jesus was raised from the dead and before He ascended, He gave a very definite commission to His disciples who would carry on His work. Read Mark 16:14-20. Answer the next six questions from this passage.

69. To how many people were they supposed to preach the gospel? <u>All the World</u>, and every Creature

70. What signs would follow them as they went and believed? He that believeth and is baptized shall

71. be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
72. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;

73. they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

74. After Jesus ascended, did these signs follow the ministry of the disciples? yes

The early Church began its true and full ministry after the day of Pentecost. On that day 3,000 souls were brought into the kingdom of God. Read Acts 2:41-43. What four things were a part of the apostles' ministry in verse 42.

75.	in the apostles' doctrine	76	fellowship
77.	in breaking of bread	78	in prayers.

79. But what was also a regular part of the ministry of the apostles? v.43 many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

- 80. Silver and Gold he had none
- 81. What did he have? Jesus, and the Holy Ghost, and Faith.

Answer the next two questions from Acts 5:12-16.

- 82. What did all the surrounding towns start bringing to Jerusalem? bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits:
- How many received healing when they came? they were healed every one. 83.

The ministry of healing was not just limited to the disciples while they were in Jerusalem. After persecution broke out, they began to go into other towns preaching the same gospel of deliverance from sin, sickness and death. Answer the next two questions from Acts 8:3-8.

- What made the people give heed to Philip's message? hearing and seeing the miracles which 84. he did.
- 85. What kind of atmosphere prevailed in the city as a result of this message of deliverance and healing? there was great joy in that city.
- Who is Aeneas and what happened to him in Acts 9:32-34? Aeneas, which had kept his bed 86. eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

There are numerous other accounts from the book of Acts that clearly tell us that healing is part of the salvation message that the church is called to minister. Notice from these passages how entire cities and villages were affected through seeing the power of God in action. When Aeneas was healed, the Bible says in Acts 9:35, "And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him and turned to the Lord". No wonder the devil bitterly fights the ministry of healing! He will fight anyone who is trusting God for a miracle because, through this kind of demonstration of the power of God, the devil can lose his grip on entire towns. Words, gospel presentations, tracts, booklets or invitations to church may not catch the attention or stir faith in the unbelieving world; but the demonstration of God's power through healing the sick will, and souls will be saved.

Read the Apostle Paul's summary of his own ministry in I Corinthians 2:1-5 and answer these three questions.

What did Paul not depend upon in his ministry? That your faith should not stand in the 87.

wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

88. How did Paul minister? I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's in the power of God.

89. In what did he want to see men put their faith?

In the book of James we are given a basic pattern for the entire church age. Answer the next three questions from James 5:14,15.

- What is the first thing we are told to do if we are sick? Is any sick among you? let him call for 90. the elders of the church;
- What should the elders do? let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name 91. of the Lord
- What will save the sick? the prayer of faith shall save the sick 92.

This is God's provision for the sick. Some may say that God heals through medicine today. Although medicine alleviates much suffering, the Bible clearly says that all God needs is the prayer of faith. Our God does not need medicine or other helps to heal our bodies. He is a supernatural, almighty, all-powerful God who can heal diseases, raise the dead, open blind eyes, and send the lame running!

IV. FAITH FOR HEALING

Over and over again we read in scripture that as Jesus healed someone, He would tell them, "thy faith has made thee whole". He let us know by this what was important and pleasing to Him. Answer the following three questions from Hebrews 11:6.

93. What is the one thing we must have to please God? without faith it is impossible to please him

94. What is the first simple thing we must believe? for he that cometh to God must believe that he is

95. What must we also believe? hat he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

From Matthew 9:27-29, answer these two questions.

- 96. What was Jesus looking for in the hearts of these two blind men? Faith
- 97. Whatever they were about to receive whether it be their total healing or just a blessing, what was it according to? According to your faith be it unto you.

The difficulty in focusing upon our need for faith is that we will strive to have faith rather than keep our eyes on Jesus and be prepared to meet with **Him**. Jesus is the Healer and if we focus upon Him, faith will spring forth from our hearts. The Bible lists faith as one of the gifts of the Spirit in I Corinthians 12:7-10. Faith cannot be cultivated by our own efforts or resolutions but is a gift bestowed upon believers as the Holy Spirit wills.

List the nine gifts of the Spirit listed in I Cor. 12:7-10.

98.	the word of wisdom	99. the word of knowledge
100.	faith	101. gifts of healing
102.	working of miracles	103. prophecy
104.	discerning of spirits	105. divers kinds of tongues
106.	interpretation of tongues	

All of these are gifts of the Holy Spirit and can only be experienced in Him. If we keep our minds and hearts upon the Lord Jesus, we will then be open for His gifts to operate in our lives as He fills us with the Spirit.

Read Paul's admonition to be filled with the Spirit in Ephesians 5:18-20. List the three things he says to do in verses 19 and 20. Lets not forget what not to do.. be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess

107.	be fil	led	with	the	Spirit;	Speaking	to	yourselves	in	psalms	and	hymns	and	spiritual	songs
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- 108. singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- 109. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Vrs 21 has something good also.... "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

110. The Lord's basic principle for receiving anything from Him is found in Matthew 6:33. Write out this verse. Seek ya first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto Me! and you too.

Another principle of true faith that we must remember is that faith is based upon the Word of God and **not** upon what we think or feel.

- 111. What does faith come from? Rom. 10:17 ______ faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God
- 112. What is the only thing in all the universe, in time and in eternity that shall stand? Isa. 40:8, Matt. 24:35. I Peter 1:24.25 the word of our God shall stand for ever.
- 113. What are the words of Jesus to us? John 6:63 the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.
- 114. What does Jesus tell us to do with the scriptures? John 5:39 Search the scriptures
- 115. Rewrite in your own words II Corinthians 1:20. for the promise of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, to the Glory of God by us.

Psalm 119 contains 176 verses of praise and thanksgiving for God's word. King David had come to know and recognize the strength, beauty and honor of God's word. He interchangeably uses words like precepts, statutes and testimonies in speaking of God's word. Read the entire psalm and open your heart to receive a new and fresh appreciation for God's precious word. The next seven questions are from Psalm 119.

- 116. In your own words rewrite David's prayer found in verse 18. Lord help me to have the understanding of your amazing word, even the deep things of your word.
- 117. Summarize David's basic attitude toward the Word of God as revealed in verses 34, 35, 47, 48, 54, 97, 103, 111 and 127. David's basic attitude is that He loves God's Word, and all that God does for Him through it, also to have it brings Him great joy.

118. What did David say he would do in the middle of the night and seven times during the dav? yv. 62

& 164 Praise and give thanks for the Word of God.

What four things does David say the Word is to us? vv.105 & 114

119. a lamp unto my feet,

120.	and a light unto my path
121.	my hiding place
122.	and my shield

If we are to receive anything from God and pray the prayer of faith, we must have this love and respect for God's word. The Word of God must become more real to us than any other thing we think or

feel or hear. This is our source of faith; our respect and trust in the unshakable, immovable, steadfast and sure promises of God!

Love and respect for God's word will produce in us obedience to His word. List the four conditions the Lord gives us to receive His healing in Exodus 15:26.

123.	If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God
124.	and wilt do that which is right in his sight
125.	and wilt give ear to his commandments
126.	I will put none of these diseases and keep all his statutes I like the end too " upon thee"

VI. CONCLUSION

To make a clear and simple conclusion to this study, listed below are five basic scriptural principles that have been presented through the teaching in this course. Read each statement very carefully.

- 1. Sickness, pain and injury were never intended to be part of life for mankind.
- 2. Sickness came as a result of man's fall away from God.
- 3. Jesus came to redeem us from all the effects and results of the fall of man.
- 4. Jesus Christ has completed His mission and the work is now finished.
- 5. Salvation, healing and life everlasting are now freely offered to the entire human race to anyone who will believe it and receive it.
- 127. Now read each statement again—this time read them aloud either to yourself or to someone else.When you have done this, check the box. [3]
- 128. As a final exercise, please memorize God's promise in Exodus 23:25 and write it from memory in the spaces provided. I will serve the Lord my God and He will bless my food, and my water,

He will also take sickness away from me.

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

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