
Healing is Not Based on Performance

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But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs. (Mark 7:27)"

This was a strong statement that Jesus made to a woman that came to ask Him to heal her daughter. Jesus was telling her that she had no right to ask for healing, since she wasn't Jewish. Wisely and remarkably, this woman humbled herself and pleaded for mercy instead of trying to demand her rights. She didn't have any rights. And when Jesus had mercy on her, she returned home to find her daughter healed. It's that simple. She received based on Jesus, not on what she deserved.

Many of you may wonder, *If God heals today, then where is it? How do I get it to manifest?* You believe it works, but you don't know how. Maybe you've seen someone stand and not get healed. Or maybe you have stood for your own healing and have not seen it manifest. Whichever it is, your faith has been shaken as a result. Well, I want you to know that God wants you well. And I want to share with you how it works.

One of the things you have to be convinced of before you even approach this is that healing is in Christ's atonement. Look at what it says here in 1 Peter, talking about Jesus:

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. (1 Peter 2:24)

Notice how it says Jesus took stripes for *your* healing! It's yours! It's one of the things Jesus bought for you through His sacrifice! And this verse says, *"You were healed"* (emphasis mine)—past tense.

This is such a clear statement that I wonder how any Christian could not believe that. But I've learned that many people don't let the Bible get in the way of their theology. Even some who believe God *can* heal don't believe He will or has already healed. They say things like, "Well, God heals but not all the time. Sometimes it's not His will." But it's hard to argue with a past-tense statement like that of 1 Peter 2:24.

It's taken from a prophecy Isaiah gave in Isaiah 53, which says, *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 53:5

Some people try to make this mean Jesus only took stripes for our spiritual healing. Well, he did suffer for our spiritual health, but let's look at how the prophecy was fulfilled, in Matthew 8:

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." (Matthew 8:16-17)

This makes it clear that Jesus suffered for your healing! It belongs to you.

Healing is the children's bread. It's your portion. It's what God has given to you. If you're a Christian, healing belongs to you! If you just meditate on the implications of this for a while, it'd go a long way in seeing healing manifest. You'd just realize, *I don't have to be sick.* That's exactly right.

Many people believe that God wants them well, but they don't understand how it works. I've got a lot of revelation on this. I don't know it all. I haven't arrived, but I've left and I've seen awesome miracles, including my own son being raised up after over four hours of death.

I've devoted all of March's television programs, and even some of April's, to sharing these truths. We've also put together a lot of my teaching that will specifically share with you how you can receive the healing Jesus has already provided for you.

What I want to do with the rest of the space of this chapter is share with you some of the healing testimonies through this ministry of how it's worked in people's lives. These are regular people just like you and me. Don't think that they are better than you or more spiritual—that is not what this is about. This is about what Jesus paid for and not about your performance. This isn't just hearsay. You can see and hear these testimonies and forty-six others online, at www.awmi.net/extra/healing.

From the time Hannah Terradez was born, she had a rare autoimmune disease called *eosinophilic enteropathy*, which meant her body built up allergies to nearly every kind of food. Her immune system would attack food she'd eat and then reject it. There was no known cure, only a radical survival method: a feeding tube. And at the age of three years old, she was still wearing nine-month-old baby clothes!

But one day, her parents, Ashley and Carlie, got hold of one of my old tapes and heard me say, ***"By His stripes, we were healed."*** After the tape finished, they'd heard the nearly-too-good-to-be-true news. Hope began to arise in their hearts. Carlie said, "We'd never heard Scripture revealed so clearly and simply. The Word took root in our hearts and became more real to us than what the doctors were saying." Then Carlie realized that Hannah had spoken like this every night for their bedtime prayer, saying, "Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me and for healing me." They just realized that in her ***childlike faith***, she had been praying a profound truth all along. It was a done deal!

The next day, they found where I was holding meetings and brought Hannah to have me pray for her. I told them it was a piece of cake for God to heal her and all they needed to do was agree with me in prayer. I took authority over Satan, telling him to leave, and commanded Hannah's body to stop attacking food and to be well.

Then I told Ashley and Carlie they needed to walk out what they believed. They would have eased her into a normal diet, but once again, Hannah was ahead of them, saying, "I want to go to McDonald's!" And that settled it for Ashley and Carlie. They couldn't find a McDonald's, so they took her to Kentucky Fried Chicken, where she ate chicken nuggets, ice cream, yogurt, cheese, chocolate, and fruit juice for the first time in her life! She's been eating normally ever since! Praise the Lord!

How did this happen? They got hold of the truth that by Jesus' stripes, Hannah *was* healed, and then with childlike faith—BOOM—her healing manifested! And it wasn't just because I prayed for them. They had to stand on this for themselves when the symptoms tried to come back.

Let me share with you one more testimony. This one's about Mike Hoesch. Back in 2000, he had an itch on his chest that persisted, and when he examined the area, and he noticed a pimple-sized sore. He dismissed it, but the itch remained.

Months passed and the sore hadn't gone away; it began to worsen. ***Although he believed in healing, he'd been involved with a ministry for twenty years that focused on performance-based doctrine.*** So, while he knew healing was available, he believed it was conditional upon his efforts. He continued to suffer, as the sore began to grow.

After trying herbal remedies, to no avail, he went to see a doctor, thinking it was no problem. But when he learned it was a *malignant neoplasm*, a cancerous skin tumor, he panicked! But not wanting to do anything driven by fear, Mike cancelled his appointment with the surgeon.

Over the next several years, the growth became a very large and troublesome tumor requiring cleaning and bandaging several times a day. The tumor slowly drained the life out of him, and in his weakened condition, he was forced to quit his job.

Mike purposed in his heart that he would seek the Lord and spend time in His Word. While his intentions were good, he struggled as he began to see things in the Word contrary to what he had been taught over the previous twenty years. Still confused, he began confessing healing Scriptures, not out of understanding, but out of a desire to earn his healing.

One day, as he was wrestling with faith and his beliefs, a friend brought him my teaching *You've Already Got It!*. As he began listening, the Lord confirmed things He had been showing Mike in the Word. He started rejoicing: "It just blessed me so much when I heard Andrew sharing these things. It was like, yes, yes, I've already got it!"

I was waiting for the Lord to intervene again on my behalf, but he had already done that in Christ. Everything that I had, every sickness, disease, or sin that I'll ever commit or had committed—Christ bore!" With his *faith strengthened*, Mike completely let go of his tumor, switching his focus to Jesus, to receive what He had provided.

A month after this, his wife noticed the tumor had decreased in size. At one time, this would've sent Mike through the roof rejoicing, but because of his newfound steadfastness in the Word, his reaction was one of calm expectancy. He had come to realize the cancer had to leave because of what Jesus had already done for him, and about five months later, his chest was clear.

These are just two examples of how it works! You may have a different situation, but these same truths will work for you too. Remember, healing is your bread—it belongs to you. Once you have that settled, your childlike faith will be rekindled that God has already done it. Then you need to take your authority over the devil and walk out what you believe.