### **Redeemed From Both Sin & Sickness**

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People who are humble, open and teachable regarding the message of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ will receive eternal salvation and live eternally in heaven. People with closed minds will not be saved. They will live in eternal damnation in the lake of fire unless they become open to the truth pertaining to eternal salvation, repent of their sins and trust completely in Jesus Christ for their salvation.

This same principle applies to divine healing. There was no sickness in the garden of Eden before Adam sinned. Adam and Eve enjoyed excellent health. Sickness originated with the fall of Adam. Adam's fellowship with God was broken when he sinned. The wonderful presence of God that always had been available to him no longer was available. Adam and Eve died on the inside when they disobeyed God.

Adam lost the covering that God had put around him. He became spiritually dead. The process of physical death was birthed at that time. When Adam fell, Satan was able to pull him out of the spiritual realm that God had provided for him into the natural realm of sickness, disease and death.

Because of the sin of Adam, all people who lived after him have to face death (except the Christians who will be alive when the church is raptured). Jesus Christ took away the power of death.

"...just as [because of their union of nature] in Adam <u>all</u> people die, so also [by virtue of their union of nature] shall <u>all</u> in Christ be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:22).

Please highlight or underline the two times the word "all" is used in this passage of Scripture. Because we all are descendants of Adam, all of us must face death. However, if we receive eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, all of us will be "made alive." Spiritual and physical death no longer will have dominion over us.

All people who receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior will live eternally in heaven because God sent His beloved Son Jesus Christ to be the second Adam.

"...The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life]" (I Corinthians 15:45).

Please note that Jesus is referred to in this passage of Scripture as "the last Adam." Jesus died on the cross at Calvary to atone for the sins of Adam and the sins of every person who has lived since Adam. Jesus became "a lifegiving Spirit restoring the dead to life."

Every person you know is a sinner! The nicest, most decent and most wonderful person you know is a sinner.

"...all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives" (Romans 3:23).

Please highlight or underline the word "all" in this passage of Scripture. Every person who has lived since the fall of Adam is a sinner. God does not have degrees of sin. People who have committed only a few seemingly minor sins are just as guilty before God as someone who is considered by the world as a terrible sinner.

"... whosoever keeps the Law [as a] whole but stumbles and offends in one [single instance] has become guilty of [breaking] all of it" (James 2:10).

Please understand that the word "whosoever" in this passage of Scripture includes every person who has ever committed a sin. Every person who has ever lived is a sinner in the eyes of God.

"All have turned aside; together they have gone wrong and have become unprofitable and worthless; no one does right, not even one!" (Romans 3:12).

"Not even one" person has lived a life that is good enough for that person to qualify to live eternally in heaven. Adam's sin brought punishment to every person. Jesus Christ has provided freedom from the sin of Adam for every person. Jesus came to earth to pay the full price for Adam's transgressions.

Jesus paid the price to set you free from the power of death. He also paid the price to set you free from the power of sickness.

You must understand that Jesus did not provide just partial redemption. He provided total and complete redemption that includes freedom from death and freedom from sickness. If you have asked Jesus Christ to be your Savior, you know Him as your Forgiver. You must understand that Jesus also is your Healer.

You did not earn your salvation. You do not deserve eternal salvation. You did not earn divine healing. You do not deserve to receive healing from God. God is so loving that He has made provision for every person to receive through the shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ the eternal salvation and divine healing we do not deserve.

You receive eternal salvation through absolute faith that Jesus paid the full price for all of your sins by the sacrifice He made on the cross at Calvary. Your Father wants you to have deep, strong and unwavering faith that Jesus also paid the full price for manifestation of healing in your body.

Jesus never sinned, but He took upon Himself the sins of the entire world. Jesus actually became sin to pay the price for your sins. "For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin..." (II Corinthians 5:21).

The same Jesus Christ Who became sin to pay the price for your sins also became sick to pay the price for the sickness in your body. "...it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief and made Him sick ..." (Isaiah 53:10).

How could it be "the will of the Lord" to "bruise" His beloved Son Jesus Christ? How could it be God's will to "put Jesus to grief and make Him sick?" How could it be God's will to see His beloved Son whipped and beaten to take sickness on Himself? Would it be your will to see your child going through this ordeal?

Your Father in heaven willingly observed His beloved Son paying this price because He knew that Jesus had chosen to make this enormous sacrifice so that the entire human race could be redeemed and healed.

God's justice requires full payment for the sins of every person before we can be saved. God's justice also requires full payment for the sickness of every person before we can receive the healing He has provided for us. Jesus paid the full price for your sins. He also paid the full price for the sickness in your body.

"Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits – Who forgives [every one of] all our iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases" (Psalm 103:2-3).

This magnificent passage of Scripture says that you should "gratefully praise the Lord" and "forget not one of all His benefits." You will make a big mistake if you ask Jesus to be your Savior and fail to receive Him as your Healer. This passage of Scripture clearly states that Jesus forgives all of your sin and that He also "heals all of your diseases."

Please highlight or underline the words "all of your diseases." Is it not very clear that the same Jesus Christ Who provided salvation for your soul also has provided healing for your body? Should you believe one portion of a passage of Scripture and not another portion of the same passage of Scripture? If you fail to trust God to heal all of your diseases, you definitely are forgetting one of the "benefits" God has provided for you.

Stop now and take time to carefully meditate on this passage of Scripture. Do not take this awesome promise lightly. See for yourself that the Word of God definitely combines freedom from sin and freedom from sickness in the same passage of Scripture. If God does not separate freedom from sin and freedom from sickness, you should not separate freedom from sin and freedom from sickness.

<u>The 53rd chapter of Isaiah is often called the Atonement Chapter</u>. You will clearly see that healing is part of Jesus Christ's atonement just as forgiveness of sin is part of His atonement. Jesus redeemed you from sin. He redeemed you from sickness.

### There is no question that healing definitely is part of the redemption Jesus paid for you.

"Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole" (Isaiah 53:4-5).

Please highlight or underline the word "surely" in this passage of Scripture. This word emphasizes that Jesus definitely has paid the price for your sins and the sickness in your body. He has "borne your griefs, sicknesses, weaknesses and distresses." There is no question that, because of the horrible "stripes" Jesus received when He was brutally whipped by Roman soldiers, you "are healed and made whole."

Isaiah, writing under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, prophesied in advance that Jesus Christ the Messiah would pay the full price for your sins and for the sickness in your body. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy from Isaiah more than seven hundred years later.

"...thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, He Himself took [in order to carry away] our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases" (Matthew 8:17).

You have just read a statement from the New Testament that is similar to what you have read in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. How can anyone doubt that Jesus Christ actually did "carry away our weaknesses and infirmities and bear our diseases?"

The apostle Peter, also writing under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, tells you that Jesus paid the full price for your sins and for the sickness in your body.

"He personally <u>bore our sins</u> in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you <u>have been healed</u>" (I Peter 2:24).

All Christians agree that Jesus "personally bore our sins in His own body" by the tremendous sacrifice He made on the cross at Calvary. You must not stop here. This same passage of Scripture says that we have been healed by His wounds."

You can be certain that this promise applies to the sickness in your body today. This passage of Scripture does not say that you will be healed. It says that "you have been healed." The full price for the sickness in your body already has been paid. You need to learn and obey the specific instructions in the Word of God to receive manifestation of the healing that Jesus already has provided for you.

Please note the past tense of the words "bore our sins" and "have been healed." Isaiah prophesied what would happen. Peter told us what already had happened when he wrote these words under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

How can any Christian who trusts Jesus Christ for his or her eternal salvation not believe that Jesus also paid the full price for sickness? You must understand that the full price has been paid for healing of the sickness in your body.

## People who say that divine healing is not for today would have to take a pair of scissors and cut out parts of Isaiah 53:4-5, Psalm 103:2-3, Matthew 8:17 and I Peter 2:24.

You must not read the Word of God selectively. You must not say or think, "I agree with the part pertaining to eternal salvation, but I disagree with the part that pertains to healing." You must believe everything the holy Scriptures say, whether or not these facts from the Word of God line up with your previous beliefs.

Your Father clearly has shown you in several passages of Scripture that both eternal salvation and divine healing are part of the atonement provided by Jesus Christ. Either all of the Word of God is true or none of it is true.

### You are saved because the Word of God says you are saved. You are healed because the Word of God says you are healed.

The last words Jesus spoke before He died on the cross were "It is finished!" (John 19:30). When Jesus spoke these words He emphasized that He had accomplished everything He came to earth to do. When Jesus took every person's sin and sickness on Himself He said, "It is finished!"

When Jesus spoke these words on the cross at Calvary He proclaimed to every human being who lived then and every human being who would live in the future that the price had been paid in full for the eternal salvation of your soul and for the healing of your body. Jesus has provided everything you need. He has provided eternal salvation for all who faithfully call Him their Savior. He has provided divine healing for all who faithfully call Him their Healer.

God does not withhold forgiveness of sins from anyone. He does not withhold healing of sickness from anyone. The Word of God does not separate Jesus Christ the Savior from Jesus Christ the Healer. You must not arbitrarily separate what the Word of God does not separate.

# God did not intend for you to accept the price Jesus paid for your sins and reject the price He paid for the sickness in your body.

Nevertheless, this is exactly what many Christians do. Many Christians have heard so much preaching on the forgiveness of sins that they know beyond any doubt that their sins are forgiven. Unfortunately, many of these same Christians have heard little or no preaching or teaching on the subject of divine healing. Because they do not know these scriptural facts about healing, many Christians die prematurely without receiving the healing that undoubtedly has been provided for them.

Is Jesus Christ your personal Savior? You can be certain that He also wants to be your personal Healer. God wants everyone to live eternally with Him in heaven, but He does not automatically save everyone. You can only receive eternal salvation if you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that you are absolutely certain that Jesus Christ paid the full price for your sins. This same principle applies to divine healing.

You receive eternal salvation when you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ paid the price for your sins and when you open your mouth and speak freely of your certainty of eternal salvation. "...with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith and confirms [his] salvation" (Romans 10:10).

No matter what sins you may have committed, you have been given the privilege to trust completely in Jesus for forgiveness. No matter what sickness you may have in your body, you have been given the privilege of believing that Jesus already has provided healing from that sickness.