

Healing in the New Testament Church

- 1. As New Testament believers, we should understand and believe that healing is available to us through the blood of Jesus Christ (Is. 53:4-5).
- 2. As a matter of fact, instances of divine healing should not be miraculous in the sense that they are <u>rare</u>. We should be seeing the power of God to heal in the church as a matter of course.
- **4.** Jesus declared that those who believed in Him would be able to heal the sick (Mk. 16:17-18).
- **5.** Healing was a prominent part of Jesus' earthly public ministry. Examples: The Centurion's Servant (Lk. 7:3-9); The Nobleman's Son (John 4:47-54); The Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9).
- 5. Healing the sick was commonplace in the early church (Acts 5:11-17; 14:7-10; 9:34).
- 6. Healing is given to the church as a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:9).

Question: Why do we not see more instances of divine healing in the modern church?

- Unbelief: Matt. 13:54-58; Heb. 11:6
- Religion: Lk. 5:17-20
- Disobedience: James 5:14- Unbiblical leadership structure
- Sin/ Unforgiveness

Question: Why do we seem to see more healing in so-called "Third World" nations than in the West?

- 7. We will restore healing to the church by restoring the Apostolic pattern
 - Faith (Mk. 16:17-18)
 - The Gospel Preached (Mk. 16:20, Acts 14:7-10)
 - Unity of Believers (Acts 2:41-47)
 - Plurality of Leadership (Eph. 4:11, James 5:14, 1 Pet. 5:1-4)