

METHODS OF HEALING

INTRO

Jesus in His ministry used many methods of healing the sick, and the New Testament reveals various ways for a person to receive healing. It appears that all the healings in the New Testament are connected in some way to two main factors: (1) faith and (2) power (or life). Unless the real power and life of the Spirit of God is contacted, either directly or indirectly, there is not going to be any manifestation of healing by divine means. Healing is by the power and life of the Spirit of God, and faith very definitely conducts or can receive that power (and life).

Various Methods

I. Special Anointings.

- A. One can receive healing through contact with one specially anointed with God's healing power. (Often called special anointings. It is a tangible anointing of healing power that is transferable and transmittable.)
 - 1. "...the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing," Isaiah 10:27.
 - 2. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to heal...", Luke 4:18.
 - 3. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing...", Acts 10:38.
- B. Bible accounts of healing power flowing.
 - 1. Although it does not specifically say power flowed, something was transmitted through touch that made them perfectly whole. They did not touch His body but His garment Matthew 14:35, 36.
 - 2. There was a transfer of power that went out of Jesus into her; it did not flow to the whole multitude, even though others made contact.
 - a. She touched His garments and Jesus perceived the power outflow while the woman was conscious of receiving it.
 - b. Jesus said her faith made her whole Mark 5:25-34.
 - 3. The same power that healed diseases healed (delivered) those with unclean spirits. The healing power of God is as destructive of evil as it is creative of good Luke 6:17-19.
 - 4. People were both healed of diseases and delivered from evil spirits Acts 19:11, 12.
- C. This healing power is capable of being stored in the substance of a cloth as demonstrated by the garments of Jesus and the aprons/handkerchiefs of Paul. With this method, some faith is required on the part of the one receiving. About all they have to believe is that:
 - 1. The person is anointed.
 - 2. When contact is made, they will receive and the Lord will heal them through the one anointed.

II. Gifts of Healings.

- A. One can receive healing through what 1 Corinthians 12:9 calls gifts of healings.
 - 1. This is a supernatural manifestation of God's Spirit through one individual to another.
 - 2. With gifts of healings, one receives without fail, whether physical contact is made or faith is exercised.
 - 3. This manifestation operates as the Spirit wills or initiates 1 Corinthians 12:7, 11. God always wills to heal, even though He does not always will to manifest gifts of healings to heal. It is more of a sovereign act of God.
 - 4. All healing is not this gift in manifestation.
- B. In Luke 4:23-27 the manifestation of these is what Jesus was explaining. Elijah could not go to any widow's house, and Elisha could not go to any leper—each had to go to the one the Spirit led because He controls the manifestation.

- C. Manifestation of gifts of healings John 5:1-10.
 - 1. Jesus explains this operation in verses 17-20.
 - 2. The Father initiates, I cooperate.

III. Anointing with Oil.

- A. One can receive healing through the anointing with oil and prayer of faith by the elders of the church.
- B. The sick one has faith enough to call James 5:14-16.
- C. It is the prayer of faith that receives the healing not the oil.
- D. The oil is symbolic of God's healing power and is a point of contact for the person receiving to release their faith.

IV. Laying on of Hands.

- A. One can receive healing by having any Believer lay hands on them Mark 16:18.
- B. Laying on of hands works best for those who believe in it
Mark 1:39-42; 5:22-24, 35-42; 7:31-37; 8:22-25; Acts 28:8, 9.

V. Agreement in Prayer.

- A. One can receive healing by getting someone to agree with them for their healing
Matthew 18:19.
- B. There has to be agreement Amos 3:3.
 - 1. This is one way of receiving healing through prayer.
 - 2. Here one does not have another minister to him, believe for him, or lay hands on him.
He simply gets someone to agree with him.

VI. Using the Name of Jesus.

- A. One can receive healing by using the Name of Jesus.
 - 1. In prayer (believing or the prayer of faith) Matthew 21:21, 22; Mark 11:23, 24;
John 16:23, 24.
 - 2. In exercising authority over satan, demons, sickness, or disease Philippians 2:5-9.
- B. John 14:13, 14.
 - 1. Ask—can be translated "demand."
 - 2. You are not demanding it of God. You are demanding the devil or exercising the authority in the Name of Jesus over him.
- C. Acts 3:1-9.
 - 1. "...in the name of Jesus..." Acts 3:6.
 - 2. Peter explains the healing was by faith in the Name of Jesus Acts 3:16 (also Acts 4:10).

VII. The Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-30.

- A. In communion we partake by:
 - 1. Eating the bread.
 - 2. Drinking of the cup.
- B. Both are symbolic of two different aspects of our redemption accomplished on the cross.
 - 1. The removal and cleansing of sin.
 - 2. The removal and healing of sickness.
- C. Faith is remembering the work of the cross.
 - 1. As we remember what His blood did there is a cleansing.
 - 2. As we remember what His body did there is healing.

VIII. Acting on the Word.

- A. One may receive healing by knowing that healing belongs to you and acting like the Bible is

true.

- B. The Gospel is the power of God Romans 1:16.
 - 1. Our actions release that power.
 - 2. The Bible also declares that Jesus bore our sicknesses and diseases Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17; 1 Peter 2:24.
- C. James 1:22 tells us to be doers of the Word or act on the Word. We simply speak and act in agreement with Bible truths.