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How to Receive Healing

First we need to know the truth concerning healing. There are two kinds of truth. There is first, the truth of the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God manifest in the flesh. Jesus is the truth, which is above all truth. The world has a system which it calls truth. The world's system of truth operates by the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9,16,17, 3:1-17).

Satan is **“the god of this world”** (2 Cor. 4:4). The world is blind to the truth, **“which is the Word of God.”** Therefore, the world operates by a lower level of what it calls truth, which is actually “the knowledge of good and evil.” The knowledge of good and evil operates by the five senses, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching. The world operates according things in the natural realm. Therefore, the knowledge of good and evil operates according to the flesh.

If Christians do not know the truth of the Word of God, they will end up trying to receive healing according to the worlds system. The worlds system must have evidence in the natural realm to operate. The worlds system uses doctors and medical systems to try to remove sickness and disease. Sometimes, the worlds system can remove the symptoms of sickness or disease, but it cannot remove the cause.

To receive lasting healing for our bodies and mind, we must train our senses to believe the Word of God, not the five senses. When we live by the Word of God and not by the five senses we will live in divine health, with no sickness or disease in our bodies or our minds. Walking after the flesh is living according to our five senses. Walking after the Spirit is living according to the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the Blood of Jesus (1 John 5:8). Those who are controlled by their five senses are not walking after the Spirit.

There was a time when I was watching a Television Broadcast. There was an Evangelist, speaking. He made a statement somewhat like this. *“God is going to use doctors to heal the sick.”* When I heard that statement, in my spirit there was a reaction to that statement (a sick feeling).

The Evangelist went on to explain how he received that information. He believed it came from God. I did not have any peace in my spirit concerning that statement. But, I did not do anything about it at the time. I only remembered what he said.

While sleeping the next evening, I had a dream. In the dream I saw myself sitting with the disciples of Jesus on a hill. Jesus was standing in the front of us, teaching. As Jesus was teaching, He stopped and pointed directly at me and said, *“The doctors can remove the symptoms, but they cannot remove the cause.”* At that time I awoke from sleep, and I knew what the LORD was saying to me.

Sickness and disease are works of Satan. Satan is the beginning of all sin (1 John 3:8). Sin brings death (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12). Sickness and disease are evidence that Satan and his demons have inflected the body or mind of a person.

When Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to pray, the first thing Jesus said was, **“When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth”** (Luke 11:2). It is the will of God that things are done on earth as they are in heaven.

There is no sin in heaven. Therefore, in heaven there is no sickness, disease, or death. If we look in Revelation 21:3,4, it says, **“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God...And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”** This is the way it is in heaven. This is God's will for Christians here on earth also.

Sin opens the door for Satan to work in our lives. The first thing a person must do to receive healing is to remove the sin, then healing can manifest. Until the sin is removed, anything the doctors can do will not be total healing, only a removal of the symptom for a time. If the sin is not removed, the process of death can continue.

Wherever there is sin, there is a work of the enemy. God is not destroying mankind. God is the Creator. Satan is the destroyer. God is love (agape). Love does not destroy. God has the power to give life (Gen. 2:7, John 1:4, 5:25, 1 John 5:11). Satan has the power to bring death (1 Cor. 15:25,26,54,55, Heb. 2:14, Rev. 20:14).

Only the truth of the Word of God can set a person free of sickness and disease (John 14:6). The truth is the Word of God, which did manifest in the flesh as “Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man.”

In John 1:1,2, it says, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The same was in the beginning with God.”** Then in John 1:14, it says, **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”**

The Word was God with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning (1 John 5:7). The Word of God took upon Himself the flesh of man, born of a virgin woman and the Holy Spirit. The Word of God came into this world that we could receive eternal life in Him.

The Apostle John, writing about Jesus, who was the Word in the beginning, said, **“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace...For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ”** (John 1:16,17). After Jesus was baptized in water by John the Baptist, there was a day when John the Baptist saw Jesus walking by and said to some of his disciples, **“...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”** (John 1:29).

The Scripture declares that Jesus Christ came to take away the sin of the world, which was the cause of sicknesses and diseases upon mankind. The Word of God lived upon this earth as the Son of Man, and the Son of God for about thirty-three and one-half years. Then the Word of God (Who was Jesus Christ), “died in the flesh” upon the Cross of Calvary to take away the sin of the world, including all sicknesses and diseases.

Jesus is **“the Way, the Truth, and the Life”** (John 14:6). There is no other Way, no other Truth, and no other Life that will benefit anyone in this world. Therefore, it is necessary to get to know the Truth from the Word of God. This is the first step into receiving healing from sickness or disease.

If we do not know Jesus “as the Truth,” we can still receive healing, but it will only last for a short time. Anyone can receive healing from the Word of God without knowing Jesus Christ. But it sure helps to know Jesus as the Word of God and “the Truth” that can cause the Word of God to manifest in the lives of those who hear the Word of God and believe what it says.

We will not go into details at this time, but we need to understand that this world we live in today was created by Jesus, “Who is the Word of God manifest in the flesh.” All things in this world were created by Him and for Him, and nothing was created without Him (John 1:1-3, Col. 1:15-17).

In the Old Testament, Jesus is called **“The LORD God.”** The LORD God created man in the beginning (Gen. 2:7). The LORD God spoke to Adam before sin and death came into this world (Gen. 2:16,17). The LORD God also spoke to Adam and Eve after they sinned and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:8-19).

In Exodus, Chapters three through six, the LORD God spoke to Moses. At that time, the LORD God informed Moses that He is “the LORD.” He also informed Moses that His name is “Jehovah,” which is translated to “LORD” over five-thousand times in the Old Testament of the King James Version of the Bible. This is the same person we know as “Jesus Christ,” in the New Testament.

In Exodus 15:26, the LORD said, “...**I am the LORD that healeth thee.**” When the LORD said, “**I am the LORD that healeth thee,**” we know that miraculous healing comes from the LORD. The worlds systems of Doctors and medication is limited to the knowledge of good and evil (which the world operates by). The doctors are limited in what they can do. Many Christians who go to the worlds system of doctors and medication do not get healed.

The LORD does not lie, neither does the LORD deceive anyone. It is God’s desire that we come to the LORD when we need healing.

The Truth is, the LORD is “the Word of God” that manifests in the flesh. Therefore, the LORD and the Word of God are one, and they produce healing when we believe and receive by faith according to the Word of God.

The written Word of God is not just one Word, or one verse. The written Word of God is the complete Bible from Genesis through Revelation. It is important that we know the truth, which is the written Word of God, that will manifest according to what is written in the Scriptures.

Throughout the Bible, the Word of God is written in different ways, to bring forth the same truth. We can look directly “to Jesus” as our healer, and we can receive healing for our physical bodies. We can look directly to “the written Word of God” and receive healing for our bodies. These are both the same. Jesus, and the written Word of God both produce the same results, which is freedom from sickness and disease.

When we look directly at Jesus, we can start in Exodus 15:26, where it says, “**If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.**”

When we look at Exodus 15:26, we must take the complete verse, not just the last part that says, “**I am the LORD that healeth thee.**” When we take the first part of Exodus 15:26, we must also take into consideration the complete Bible, which explains Exodus 15:26.

Exodus 15:26 is a part of the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses did not change “the law of sin and death” that came in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The Law of Moses explains “the law of sin and death that came in the garden of Eden.” The Law of Moses reveals “the knowledge of good and evil.” By knowledge, the natural man can know “good and evil.” Therefore, the Law of Moses contained the commandments given to the Children of Israel before Jesus came into this world and paid the price for all our sins and iniquities on the Cross of Calvary.

The Law of Moses brings condemnation upon those who live according to the law of sin and death. Therefore, we are told in Romans 8:1,2, “**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**” The way to receive from God, “all that God has promised in His Word,” is to “**walk after the Spirit, and not after the flesh.**”

In Galatians 3:13,14, we see a part of the Gospel of Christ explained. It says, “**Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree...That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**”

If we try to live by keeping the commandments of the Law of Moses so we can be healed of all our sicknesses and diseases, we most likely will not receive our healing. Trying to keep the Law of Moses by our own ability is living by the works of the flesh. God does not approve of Christians who live according to the flesh and walk after the flesh.

In Galatians 6:7,8, it says, “**Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man**

soweth, that shall he also reap...For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

When we study Romans 8:1-8, we will know that what we do according to the flesh cannot please God. In Romans 8:1 it says, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”** Be careful of using Bibles that do not have the last part of Romans 8:1, in them. This is deception of the enemy, trying to keep us from the Truth.

Continuing in Romans 8:2-4, it says, **“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death...For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh...That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”**

How do we walk after the Spirit, and not after the flesh? We walk according to **“the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood.”** The Spirit, the Word, and the Blood always agree. In 1 John 5:7,8 it says, **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one...And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water (Word), and the blood: and these three agree in one.”** Be careful of using Bibles that do not have the complete text of 1 John 5:7,8, in them. This is deception by the enemy.

When we truly believe the New Covenant, which is written to those who are **“born again in Christ Jesus,”** we will be led by the Holy Spirit, and not by the flesh. When walking after the Spirit, we must walk according to the New Covenant. Which includes, keeping the two commandments that Jesus gave us and living by faith, not by the law of works of the flesh.

The Spirit of God within us will help, guide, comfort, lead, and teach us all things. In John 6:45, Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”** In Isaiah 54:13, it says, **“And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.”** In 1 John 2:27, it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”** This is how we walk after the Spirit, and not after the flesh. The Holy Spirit teaches us all things in agreement with the Word of God and the Blood of Jesus.

In Galatians 5:24,25 it says, **“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts...If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”** It is by, obeying the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit from within us that we can walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

First we must believe the Gospel, then we can receive our healing by faith and not by the works of the Law of Moses. It is important to understand the difference between “the Law of Moses” and “the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.”

The “Law of Moses” could not justify anyone (Acts 13:38,39). Galatians 3:11, says, **“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.”** Whereas, all who “walk after the Spirit” are justified from all things. Galatians 2:16 says, **“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”**

We cannot receive healing by our own righteousness. We can only receive healing by what Jesus did for us on the Cross of Calvary. We are not healed by works of the flesh. We are healed by **“the stripes that Jesus bore for us,”** in His body, on the Cross of Calvary. It is by His stripes that

are healed, not by our works of righteousness.

Prepare to Receive Healing

Healing comes by the three witnesses given to us, *“the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and the Blood of Jesus”* (1 John 5:8). God has not changed. God is still the same as He was from the beginning. What God has revealed to us in the Old Testament is explained in the New Testament.

The Scriptures are written so that we can come to know the truth and live according to the Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation. In the Old Testament, God was working with man “in the flesh of Adam.” In the New Testament God is working with man “in the Spirit of Christ.” These are two different creations of mankind. Adam was in the flesh and Christ Jesus is in the Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45-49).

Our physical bodies are still **“of the flesh of Adam.”** The flesh was corrupted by sin, which came in the garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Sin brings sickness and disease upon the flesh. Sin also brings corruption in the mind, which is in our soul. The end result of these two are explained in 1 Corinthians, Chapter fifteen.

When Christians believe teachings that do not agree with 1 Corinthians 15:42-57, they will easily be deceived, and suffer defeat in this life, and possibly in the life to come. We need to consider all that God has revealed to us in the complete Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation.

Christians are “living souls,” and we must walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh (Rom. 8:1-8). The flesh of man is of this world. The spirit of man came from God. The flesh was first formed of the dust of the ground. By the breath of the LORD God man became “a living soul” (Gen. 2:7). The LORD God also formed “a spirit within man” (that God could work with man from his spirit, which was in man) (Job 32:8; Zech. 12:1).

To walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh, we must **“walk by faith, and not by sight”** (2 Cor. 5:7). To walk by faith, we must walk according to the written Word of God, led by the Holy Spirit and witnessed by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

In Job 32:8 it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** The Scriptures were written by men as they were moved by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21). Even though the Scriptures are lined up from Genesis through Revelation, the Holy Spirit did not leave it all up to man to decide which ones come first and which ones follow. God is still GOD, and is still watching over His Word to perform it (Isa. 55:11).

God worked through men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit in many areas that man does not understand. When the prophets prophesied in the Old Testament times, what they said came from God, from their spirit, not from their mind. In Numbers 22:38 it says, **“And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.”** In Numbers 23:5 it says, **“And the LORD put a word in Balaam’s mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.”** Then in Numbers 23:11,12 it says, **“And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether...And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?”** This is how that God brought His written Word into this world in the Old Testament times. God used men to speak His Word, and then to write what was spoken.

Understanding God's Principles

God has principles that He always goes by in everything He does. One of God's principles "that is not widely known among Christians," is in the languages of this world. God established the languages of this world, not man. This began in Genesis 11:1-9, when the LORD **"...confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth"** (Gen, 11:9).

In the Old Testament, the Scriptures are written in Hebrew and Chaldees. In the New Testament the Scriptures are written in Greek. In all three of these languages, the words have a root word, which is then changed by the addition of what is sometimes called a suffix or prefix. The meaning is also changed by the "mood," which could be any of many different moods, such as "indicative, infinitive, perfect, imperfect, etc."

In Galatians 3:17, it says, **"And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect."** This is a principle that God used throughout the Scriptures.

Therefore, we need to understand the words used and their meanings, as well as the principle of "first time mentioned." The meaning of the "root word" cannot be changed by additions or subtractions. What is mentioned later can only "explain or define" what was already established without changing what was already established. This is very important in knowing the truth that God is revealing throughout the Scriptures.

This also applies to "the first time mentioned." The first time something is mentioned in the Scriptures, it cannot be changed by something mentioned later. The first time something is mentioned it remains established throughout the Scriptures. All that can be done following the first time mentioned, is "explaining in more detail" what was already established.

The first time healing is mentioned is in Genesis 20:17, where it says, **"So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children."** Notice, it was not Abraham that **"...healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants..."** It was God that did the healing.

Then in Exodus 6:2 it says, **"And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD."** By this we can see who it was that healed Abimelech, etc. When God said to Moses **"I am the LORD,"** we know it was not God the Father or the Holy Spirit. Then in Exodus 6:3, it says, **"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."** The word Jehovah means, "self-Existent or Eternal." The name "Jehovah" has been translated to "LORD" approximately 5,600 times in the King James Version of the Bible. In this case, we know it was the LORD who appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Therefore, the LORD did not establish another source for healing.

Also, look at some of the information revealed, following Exodus 6:2. In John 1:18, it says, **"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."** In 1 John 4:12, it says, **"No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."** In John 6:46, Jesus said, **"Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father."** In Colossians 1:15, it is speaking of Jesus, saying, **"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."**

Therefore, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit are **"invisible."** No man can see the Father or the Holy Spirit. Who was it then, that appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Ex. 6:3)?

Then in Exodus 15:26, it says, **"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD**

thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.” This establishes that it is the LORD that will do the healing.

Exodus 15:26 also establishes the conditions to receive healing, which is **“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes...”** The conditions include: (1) **“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God...”** (2) **“...do that which is right in his sight...”** (3) **“...give ear to his commandments...”** (4) **“...keep all his statutes...”**

All of the above are foundations, which do not change their original meaning. This establishes that we must hearken to the voice of the LORD. We must do that which is right in the LORD’s sight. We must pay attention to the LORD’s commandments, and keep them.

The second part of Exodus 15:26, then says, **“...I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”** Here we need to understand the meaning of the word **“put,”** and **“brought.”** We must take into account other Scripture verses pertaining to the same subject to know what the LORD is speaking of. This is made clear in Exodus 12:23, where it says, **“For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.”** Exodus 12:23 came before Exodus 15:26, therefore, the Scriptures already established that the LORD is not the destroyer. Then in Job 2:6,7, it says, **“And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life...So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.”** It was not the LORD that **“...smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.”** We do not have any proof of when the Book of Job was written. Neither do we have any proof of when Job lived upon this earth. From what is written in the Book of Job, it is understood that possibly Job lived long before Moses somewhere around the time before Abraham.

If we study the Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation, we will know the LORD “does not put sickness or disease upon His people.” When sickness and disease come upon Christians, it is not because of what the LORD did, it is because of what we did not do. We were told what to do in Exodus 15:26. Now, we must follow through in everything mentioned from Exodus through Revelation to know what the LORD is telling us to do.

Yet there is one thing established in Exodus 15:26 that cannot be changed, that is, it says, **“...for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”** Those who are the LORD’s people, do not need to look to any other source for healing. The LORD did not say, there is another way. The world lives by the knowledge of good and evil. By the knowledge of good and evil, man has come up with all sorts of ways to receive healing. It would be to our advantage if we knew and understood the LORD’s way to receive healing.

We also need to keep in mind that the Old Testament Law and customs were for those who were not born again in Christ Jesus. They were for those who were born of the flesh, but not **“born again of the Spirit.”** Jesus told us in John 3:6, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** There is a major difference between that which is born of the flesh and that which is born of the Spirit.

Being that there is a change in the life of a born again Christian, (from that of the flesh of Adam to that of the Spirit of Christ Jesus), there is also a change in the way we are to live.

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John reveal to us the beginning of a New

Covenant, established upon better promises than that of the Old Covenant (Heb. 8:6-13).

The New Testament is based upon faith, not upon the works of the law. To inherit the promise made to Abraham, we must “walk by faith” as Abraham did.

Faith was already established with Abel and Enoch. Hebrews 11:4,5, says, **“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh...By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”**

The beginning of the New Covenant we have was established with Abraham. Being that the New Covenant was between Abraham and his Seed, “which is Christ,” it could not come into effect until after “the Word of God became flesh,” and then was “anointed with the Holy Spirit.” When Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit, He became “Christ,” which means, “the anointed One.”

The foundation of the New Covenant was already established in Genesis 2:9, where “the Tree of Life,” is first mentioned, even before “the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”

“The Word of God,” is the beginning of “the Tree of Life.” Jesus is the Word of God, manifest in the flesh (John 1:1,2,14). Those who continue to eat of the Tree of Life will spend eternity with God in heaven (John 6:53-58).

In Revelation 2:7 it says, **“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”** Then in Revelation 22:14 it says, **“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”**

The New Covenant of faith was made with Abraham because Abraham obeyed God (Gen. 22:15-18). Christ is the “Seed” spoken of to Abraham in Genesis 17:7. Therefore, Hebrews 5:8,9 says, **“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered...And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”**

How do we receive healing for our bodies under the New Covenant? We apply the principles established by God from Genesis through Revelation. Included in those principles are **“the LORD is our Healer.”** We receive healing, **“by grace through faith.”** We keep the commandments of the LORD, which are given to us in the New Covenant.

In as much as we have a New Covenant, we also have a New Commandment. In John 13:34, Jesus said to His disciples, **“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”** In 1 John 3:23, it says, **“And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.”** In 1 John 4:21, it says, **“And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.”**

Jesus also told us we must forgive others. In Matthew 6:14,15, Jesus said, **“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you...But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”** In Mark 11:24-26, Jesus said, **“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them...And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses...But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.”** Not forgiving others will hinder God from working in our lives. We must forgive, if we desire to receive healing for our bodies.

The New Covenant is a covenant based upon **“faith and obedience.”** We receive healing by faith through obedience. Our faith “must not be” in what we can do of ourselves. It must be based

upon what God has already provided for us, in what Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection from the dead.

There are two major things that Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection from the dead. Jesus took all our sins and iniquities, infirmities, sickness, and disease upon Himself on the Cross of Calvary.

In Colossians 2:13,14, it says, **“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses...Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.”** We must believe what the Word of God reveals to us in the Scriptures concerning Jesus, and all that He did for us.

We cannot receive healing from God based upon what we did of our own ability. Therefore, we receive healing **“by grace through faith,”** and not of ourselves, and not of works of the flesh (Eph. 2:8,9).

In the Epistle of First John, we will receive some of the greatest information on healing. It all starts with our fellowship with God. Relationship to God and fellowship with God are not the same thing. We become related to God in the New Birth. In the New Birth we become “Children of God, in Christ Jesus.”

Fellowship with God is walking and talking with God. Even Children of God can be destroyed for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). In fellowship with God we are taught by the Holy Spirit the things of the Spirit, that will enable us to overcome the world.

We need to be “in fellowship with God” to receive from God. Fellowship with God is established by **“walking in the light as God is in the light”** (1 John 1:5-7). Sin must be overcome in our lives through “fellowship with the Father and the Son,” not through “relationship with God.” If it were through relationship there would not be any need for the Epistles of the New Covenant. All we would need are the first three chapters of the Gospel of John.

Many Christians will not receive “the free gift of healing” for their bodies because they are not in fellowship with the Father and the Son. They are still in fellowship with the world, and the things of this world, and the love of the Father is not in them (1 John 2:15-17).

When we see that we are not in fellowship with the Father and the Son, we must repent, confess our sins and be restored to “righteousness, through fellowship” (1 John 1:8-10). Jesus spoke of this in Luke 24:47 saying, **“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”** Through repentance and forgiveness of sins, we reestablish our fellowship with the Father and the Son, and our righteousness is restored. Where righteousness dwells, sin cannot dwell. Where righteousness dwells, sin is overcome. Sickness and disease are works of unrighteousness. Satan is the author of all unrighteousness, and of sin and death.

Righteousness comes by faith (walking in obedience to the Word of God). Faith without works is dead (James 2:17, 3:20-23). Once we remove all “unrighteousness,” by faith and obedience we can walk in victory over all the works of the Devil. In 1 John 5:4, it says, **“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”**

Faith and obedience work together. The covenant we have began in Abraham. Abraham believed God and it was counted unto to him for righteousness (Rom. 4:3; James 2:23). Abraham obeyed God, therefore, the covenant was established between Abraham and his Seed, which is Christ (Gal. 3:16,29).

Hebrews 5:9 explains the need for obedience, saying, **“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”** We receive healing by faith through obedience in keeping the commandments given to us in the New Covenant.

In Hebrews 13:20, it says, **“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”** The New Covenant is an everlasting covenant, sealed in the blood of Jesus (Heb. 13:20,21). This covenant includes repentance and forgiveness of sins. Through repentance and forgiveness, we establish and maintain our covenant with God in Christ.

With sin removed from us by repentance and forgiveness, we have confidence in God hearing our prayers. In 1 John 5:14,15, it says, **“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us...And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”**

Our confidence is not in what we did in the past. Our confidence is **“IN OUR COVENANT WITH GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.”** What God has promised, He will perform.

God is faithful to do whatsoever He has promised. Psalm 66:18 says, **“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”** If we regard iniquity in our heart, God will not hear us. In 1 John 1:9, it says, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** Being cleansed from all unrighteousness, we have confidence that God will hear our prayers. Having confidence that God hears our prayers, we also have confidence that we will receive whatsoever we ask.

Therefore, we do not ask according to the flesh, but according to **“the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood of Jesus”** (1 John 5:8). When we walk according to **“the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood of Jesus,”** we receive according to **“the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood of Jesus.”**

Without repentance, there is no forgiveness. Without forgiveness, there is no fellowship with God. Without fellowship, God does not hear us. If God does not hear us, how can God answer our prayer? If God does not answer when we pray, we need to find out why?

In Romans 8:5-7, it says, **“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit...For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace...Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”** The **“carnal mind”** is the mind that has not been renewed on the Word of God (Rom. 12:2). We must renew our mind on the Word of God and no longer live according to the flesh, but instead live according to **“the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood”** (1 John 5:8).

God has established many principles in His Word. In Hebrews 11:6 it says, **“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”** God rewards those that diligently seek Him. If we put God first in our lives, **“above everything else”** God will reward us for putting Him first in our lives. God rewards us according to what we do about His Word.

This principle is spoken of in Galatians 6:7,8, where it says, **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap...For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”**

Sowing, is what a person does when they plant seeds, or give to others of what they have to give. The way we treat others is the way we will receive from God. If we walk in love toward others, God will reward us in love. If we come against others, God will permit Satan to come against us.

What we sow will be returned to us by God or the Devil. It depends upon what we sow. It is not people that return to us according to what we sow. It is what happens in the spiritual realm. No one in the natural realm can reward us with **“life everlasting.”** If we reap **“corruption,”** it does not come from the natural realm it comes from the Devil, who is **“the god of this world”** (2 Cor. 4:4). If we reap everlasting life it does not come from the natural realm, it comes from God. Only

God can give us eternal life.

Health and prosperity (success) come from God. Sickness and disease come from the Devil. People do not put sickness and disease upon us. The Devil does. God does not put sickness and disease upon us. The Devil does (Job 2:7).

Whatsoever we do in this life is dependent upon what is happening in the spiritual realm in our lives. If God is in control, we will be in health and inherit eternal life. If the Devil is in control we will have sickness and disease and reap corruption (which is the opposite of eternal life).

Being that we began in the flesh of man, and then are born again into the Spirit of Christ, we must learn how to walk in the Spirit and no longer walk in the flesh. We must learn to walk according to the Spirit and no longer walk according to the flesh.

This is a whole new way of living. Just as we had to learn how to walk in the flesh, going from a baby to a child, we must also learn how to walk in the Spirit, going from a babe in Christ to a child of God. Then we must also mature in the things of the Spirit, so that we also become Sons of God, and walk like Jesus walked.

Going from a babe in Christ to a Child of God, and then to a Son of God, takes time. We are not born into the Body of Christ as a Son of God. Just as we are not born into this world in the flesh as an adult. We must learn to walk after the Spirit, just as we learned to walk in the flesh.

We learn by keeping on doing what the Spirit teaches us to do in the Word. Just like a baby born into this world learns to eat and walk, we must also learn to “eat (consume) the Word of God,” and “walk after the Spirit.” By continuing to eat (consume) the Word of God and walking after the Spirit, we overcome the flesh and the desires of the flesh.

Why is it that the New Covenant is an everlasting covenant? Why is it that the Blood of Jesus is an everlasting Blood? Why is it that the Word of God is a living Word (Heb. 4:12)? Simply, because God is Love (agape) and the Love of God is long suffering, not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9).

Repentance and forgiveness of sins is a principle of God that helps us to overcome sin and death while learning to walk after the Spirit and no longer walking after the flesh. God has revealed to us how to go from walking after the flesh to walking after the Spirit in the written Word.

It is all done by obedience, to continue pressing on for the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. In Philippians 3:13,14, the Apostle Paul wrote, **“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before...I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”**

Being that the Blood of Jesus is an everlasting Blood, and the new covenant is an everlasting covenant, repentance and forgiveness are also a part of the new covenant. Through repentance and forgiveness, we can turn from any past mistakes and be forgiven. Once we are forgiven, we can forget the past and press on for that high calling, to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. This is the high calling in Christ Jesus that, “we walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.”

Jesus set the example for us. In Hebrews 5:8, it says, **“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered (endured).”** Jesus knew He was the Son of God (John 14:28). Jesus knew God was His Father (John 5:17). Jesus knew that of Himself He could do nothing (John 5:30). Therefore, Jesus only did the will of God the Father (John 5:19; 6:38).

Jesus learned to obey God the Father by the things He endured (Heb. 5:8). Others, who were walking after the flesh desired the things of the flesh. When we understand that walking after the flesh is the opposite of walking after the Spirit, we can through patience endure during the temptations of the enemy.

In James 1:2-4 it says, **“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations...Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience...But let patience**

have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” God does not try our faith. God knows everything. God knows where our faith is. It is Satan, and the spirits of this world that try our faith, and tempt us to operate according to the flesh rather than follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Through patience and enduring, the trying of our faith by the spirits of this world, we overcome the flesh (by walking after the Spirit and not after the flesh). When the spirits of this world tempt us to go by our five senses, and receive sickness and disease, we need to walk according to the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood (1 John 5:8).

The Word of God declares that we are already healed by the stripes that Jesus bore for us on the Cross of Calvary (Isa. 53:4,5; Matt. 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24). The Word of God tells us that we have power over all the works of the enemy (Luke 10:19). When we believe the Word of God in our heart, not just in our mind, we will be rewarded according to our faith. If our faith is according to the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood of Jesus, we will receive according to our faith.

During the time, when learning to walk by faith and not by sight, we have the blood of the everlasting covenant to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7). It is our fellowship with God on a daily basis that keeps us pressing toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Our calling is to walk like Jesus walked. To live like Jesus lived. To do what Jesus did.

Jesus is our example that we should follow in everything we do. Jesus said in John 6:53,54, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”** The word “eat” means “devour or consume.” As we **“devour”** the Word of God, we are eating the flesh of Jesus and drinking the blood of Jesus. Eternal life overcomes earthly (natural) life. The Spirit overcomes the flesh. When we understand spiritual things and are taught by God rather than by man, we can overcome the world by the Spirit, the Word, and the Blood.

In 1 John 5:4, it says, **“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”** It is by faith that we overcome the world, and everything in this world. Faith does not operate by the five senses. The five senses operate from the flesh. Faith operates from the spirit, lead by the Holy Spirit according to the Word and the Blood.

We must train our senses to obey the Word of God, not by sight, but by a witness in our spirit. We cannot walk after the Spirit from our mind. We must walk after the Spirit from our spirit. When walking after the Spirit, we walk according to the Word of God and the Blood of Jesus.

Abraham set the example of walking according to the Word of God. In Romans 4:18-21, it says, **“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be...And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb...He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God...And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”**

When we are **“fully persuaded”** that what God has promised, He will perform, we will receive according to our faith, not according to the flesh. How do we become **“fully persuaded?”** It is by reason of much use that we train our senses to believe the Word of God and not the five senses (Heb. 5:14).

How do we train our senses? By continually believing the Word of God, and no longer living by the knowledge of good and evil that the world lives by. To continually believe the Word of God, we must also continue to consume (eat), the Word of God. This continuing in the Word of God and prayer enables us to hear from the Holy Spirit as He guides, comforts, lead, helps, and teaches all

things.

With the fulness of the Godhead dwelling in us, we can overcome all sickness, disease, and infirmities when the Devil comes against us.

We are not of this world, but we are still in this world (John 17:16). Therefore, we have the same choice that Adam and Eve had in the garden of Eden. We can eat of the tree of life and live. Or we can eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and die. We choose which tree we will eat the fruit of?

When we understand that there is no sickness or disease in heaven, we know that God is not the one that brings sickness and disease upon people. Sickness and disease are a part of the curse of the law of sin and death, given in Genesis 2:16,17, where it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (die, die).”**

In Genesis 2:16, mankind was given a free will to choose which tree we will eat the fruit of. In Genesis, 2:17, mankind was commanded not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Now, it is our choice which tree we will eat the fruit of.

By the choices we make in life, we can obey the LORD God, and inherit all the promises that God had made to mankind. Or, we choose to disobey the LORD God. When we disobey the LORD God, Satan can cause sickness and disease to come upon us. Many times, death follows sickness and disease.

We know from the Scriptures that there will be a new heavens and a new earth. We know that as Christians we are not in the body of flesh and bones. We are in the Spirit of Christ, which dwells in us (Rom. 8:9).

In Romans 12:1, it says, **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”** Therefore, we need to keep our body of flesh and bones healthy.

How do we keep our body of flesh and bones healthy? In Romans 12:2 it says, **“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”**

This involves daily spending time in the Word of God and prayer. Continually, renewing our mind, building up our faith to overcome all the works of the Devil in our lives.

What God has already done for us, is for our benefit as well as others. When we walk in health, we are in a position to help others walk in health. When the whole body of Christ works together, we all benefit from what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. Jesus already took all our sins, iniquities, infirmities, sicknesses and diseases upon Himself, so that we can live and not die before our appointed time (Acts 17:24-26).

We Get What We Say

In Matthew 12:35-37, Jesus said, **“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things...But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment...For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”**

It is very important that we watch what we say with our mouth. If we agree with the Written Word of God, we will get what the written Word of God says. If we agree with the circumstances we will get what the circumstances reveal.

There was a time when I broke my toe on a Saturday afternoon in a downtown apartment building. I was on a television service call. I was leaving the apartment building, carrying the chassis of a television set in my arms. It was not easy to see where I was walking. As I was going through the door, I stubbed my foot on a concrete block in the doorway. I felt a sharp pain in my toe, I knew I had broken it. I drove home, took off my shoe and saw the swelling, the black and blue coloring of my foot. I felt the pain. When this happened, my mind began to receive thoughts from the devil. I knew it was broken. I had experienced a broken bone in my body years ago. The pain of a broken bone is different from that of a sprain or torn ligament.

The thought came to me, *“I had better go to the hospital and get it x-rayed, to be sure the bone was in the right place.”* The second thought that went through my head was, *“When I do that the doctor will cut out the front of my shoe and put a bandage on my toe, and I will go around like that for about six weeks.”* Then the Spirit of God rose up within me and said, *“You don't have to do that, by His stripes you are healed, He bore your sickness and infirmities, tell the devil to take a jump.”* Immediately I said, *“Devil get out, I don't need this and you can't put this on me, by His stripes I am healed.”* *“Jesus, Himself took my infirmities and bore my sickness, so you can go take a jump. Thank You, Jesus.”*

All this time I was alone in the house. I spoke words out loud to the devil and I confessed before God my healing. Then I took a shower, dressed up, and went out for lunch. The thought again came to me to go to the hospital and have an x-ray, but then I said within myself, *“Why should I spend God's money for something I didn't need. God's Word is true and I am healed.”*

That day my foot was very sore but I kept on going. The person I went to lunch with said to me, *“Merle, you should have stayed home, and not be walking around on that foot.”* I just said, *“Don't worry about it, it's Ok.”*

The next day the soreness left. It was Sunday and I went to Church. On Monday evening I showed my foot to those at my house who were there for a share group meeting. All we could see was one red spot and a blue stripe mark where the break had been. Praise the Lord for His Word! By Tuesday all was back to normal, no red spot, no blue stripe.

On Friday, I showed my foot to a nurse friend of mine. I told her what had happened the Saturday before and how the foot came back to normal in three days. She said, *“It had to be God, for in the natural it would take ten days to two weeks before the black and blue would be gone.”*

In all of this the Holy Spirit was helping me learn that we do not go by what we see, feel, or any of the five senses. We go by what the Word of God says. Jesus took upon Himself all our sicknesses, diseases, and infirmities. Infirmities in this case includes anything that we have done to cause a physical problem in our bodies. It also includes what someone else did that caused us to become injured. It was what I did that caused my toe to become broken. That is also included in healing of our bodies by the Word of God.

The way to receive healing is to never say “I am sick,” but always say “By Jesus's stripes, I am healed.” That is the difference between walking according to the flesh or walking according to

the Word of God. The Word of God declares that Jesus took all our sins, iniquities, infirmities, sicknesses, and diseases upon Himself, and by His Blood we are forgiven, and by His stripes we are healed.

Jesus did this almost two-thousand years ago. It is still just as effective today as it was then. The Word of God never changes, therefore, we must learn to agree with the Word of God, and when we do, we will see the manifestation take place in our lives.

In the above example in my life, when I ignored the natural circumstances and continued to insist that the Word of God is true, I received according to what the Word of God says in Isaiah 53:4,5, Matthew 8:17, and 1 Peter 2:14. All three of these Scriptures agree, that, **“BY JESUS’ STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.”**

There is a difference between believing in our heart and believing in our mind. When we believe the Word of God in our heart, it will manifest quickly. When we waver between the natural realm and the spiritual realm, it will take a lot longer to see the manifestation of our healing. The more we waver the longer it will take. The more we speak the circumstances, the longer it will take for the manifestation to take place.

It is like walking, taking one step forward and the next step backward. We will never get to where we are going if we do not take more steps forward than we take backward.

Keep speaking the Word and stop speaking the circumstances, and you will see the manifestation. The Word of God is the Truth, the circumstances is overcome by the Words we speak from our heart out of our mouth. That is the difference between walking by sight or walking by faith. In 2 Corinthians 5:7, it says, **“(For we walk by faith, not by sight).”**

When we put faith in the written Word of God and do not lean unto our own understanding, we will receive according to our faith. In Matthew 9:27-30, it says, **“And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us...And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord...Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you...And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.”**

The Word of God is Truth, it cannot fail if we do our part. Jesus has already done His part. Jesus already went to the Cross and took upon Himself all our sins, iniquities, infirmities, sicknesses, and diseases, for us. It is a free gift from God to those who will believe the written Word of God over the circumstances.

It is our inheritance, which we received when we were truly born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, into the Body of Christ. According to Romans 8:16,17, it says, **“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God...And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”**

The word “suffer” in the above verses could be miss-translated. It could have been translated “endured.” Which means, there could be a time element between when we become heirs or joint-heirs with Christ, and when we received our inheritance.

It is more dependent upon what we do, than what God has already done for us in Christ Jesus. **“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned”** (Matt. 12:37).

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