

Healing

The Truth...Period!

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Some would refer to Isaiah 53 in a way that it never mentions: Disease, Sickness, however...let's start in verse 3. *He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely he has borne our Grievs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 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.*

The word Grief in the Hebrew is **choliy** which means malady, anxiety, calamity, disease, grief, or sickness. It come from the root **chalah** which means to be rubbed or worn, hence to be weak, sick, afflicted, or to grieve, make sick, also to stroke, (in flattering) entreat, beseech, be diseased, put to grief, be grieved, be grievous, infirmity, intreat, lay to, put to pain, pray, make prayer, be sick, sore, be sorry, make suit, woman in travail, be (become) weak, be wounded.

The Lord showed Isaiah that coming in the future was one who could and would deliver us! Amen!!!

We believe that healing is a process as is salvation. Our spirits are regenerated instantaneously upon acceptance of the acknowledgement that we are sinners and where is only one waythrough the shed blood of Jesus that our wrongs can be forgiven. That acceptance begins a lifelong process of sanctification.

Even though God heals miraculously sometimes....other times it is a process which includes Doctor's, surgeries (like a knee surgery, or cancer surgery, etc...), soul searching, believing, standing in faith. But never, ever, to us here at Ellijay City Church is it a question of whether or not it is God's will.

Mark 16:17,18 17 *“These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*

When Jesus rebuked his eleven disciples for their unbelief and hardness of heart in failing to believe from the others that he was even resurrected. At that time he also presented them with marching orders that are our orders as well.

Again: And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

We love the last partJesus promises recovery....sometimes as we see in scripture it is instantaneously and sometimes it can be a process over a prolonged period of time. The words they shall are from the Greek word **echo** which means to have or possess. But the tense used in this verse doesn't picture something instantaneously, but rather something that occurs progressively. In fact, the word healed doesn't speak of an instantaneous event either. It is the word **kalos**, which here means to be well, to be healthy, or to be in good shape. Together as one we understand it as....they shall progressively feel themselves getting better and better, until finally they are well and healthy.

Faith moves God and faith pleases God.....it moves mountains. Sin, lack of knowledge and most assuredly a settling in your mind of whether it is God's will to heal everyone can certainly hinder that faith because it puts doubt in the minds of those standing in faith for their healing. We know that “if it be God's will” is a very popular theology today and it can make it sound as if it puts mortal man or woman in the place of God to question that. That's just not biblically true, what hope is there in that idea...?

We believe that it is God's divine will for health, it was from the beginning and what Jesus did on the cross brings healing not only to our soul and spirit but to our bodies. It was a huge price to pay and that price included everything for the abundant life that Jesus secured on the cross.