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Healing & the Kingdom

Introduction

- Review – the word salvation means forgiveness, deliverance & healing.
 - Healing Scripture – Mt.14.36; Mk.3.4, 5.34, 10.52
- The same faith that saved you from your sins is the same faith that will heal you of your diseases. At salvation, you took God at His word for forgiveness and you need to take Him at His word for your healing.

Why Healing Is Critical in the Kingdom of God

A. It's part of the gospel message

- a. The word “salvation” means healing
- b. Scriptures under the review point
- c. We need to be true to the gospel message. The most important part of the message is forgiveness, but we mustn't sell the gospel short but believe everything it offers.
- d. WE used to tell people to pray through for forgiveness, but now we tell them to believe the Word; the same is true of healing...just believe the Word.

B. Healing is a clear revelation of God's Kingdom

- a. Def. of the Kingdom of God – the reign of God in every area of life.
- b. 2 Examples of God's Kingdom perfectly established on earth
 - i. The Garden of Eden
 - ii. The return of the Lord to earth – in both cases there is no sin, sickness & suffering
- c. Example of God's Kingdom being established on earth
 - i. Matt.8–9
 - ii. This is normal Christianity. It wasn't because Jesus was God; it's b/c Jesus was full of the Spirit.
 - iii. Randy Clark conference with over 200 people healed

C. It's in the Great Commission

- a. Matt.28.19f – What did Jesus tell his disciples to do?
- b. Matt.10.7f –
 - i. The dead are being raised. Story of the doctor in FL who prayed for the dead man; 1000's in other countries
- c. Healing provides the platform for belief in the message of forgiveness
 - i. John 4.53 – after the healing, he & his whole household believed in Jesus.
 - ii. Heidi Baker & work in Mozambique

D. Healing reveals God's character

- a. Ex.15.26 – I am the Lord who heals; Jehovah Rapha
- b. He heals b/c it is part of his nature to heal; it's not just b/c he's powerful, but b/c it's who he is.
- c. All forms of healing
- d. Character is revealed over time. WE see God's heart in Jesus. Jesus healed all who came to him!
- e. What about Job?
 - i. The question to Job should lead you to the answer found in Jesus.
 - ii. It's theologically immoral to allow an OT manifestation of the nature of God to trump the clear revelation of God found in Jesus.
 - 1. We believe in progressive revelation – our revelation of God grows clearer as we progress through the Bible.
- f. Simple: If Jesus came into this building today, he would heal every person who requested it. He's the same today as yesterday

E. Healing is in the atonement

- a. Is.53.4f – Randy Clark’s notes, p.111
- b. Healing was bought for you by the blood of Jesus; also bought you a new body.
- c. We lower the Word of God to our experience; we can’t be experienced based Christians who build our theology on unbelief

Why do we want to see healing? Acts 19.17

- Pakistan video from Leif Hetland ministry; over 50,000 Muslims converted; 1000+ house churches

Who wants to be used in healing?

- Come forward for the laying on of hands; press into these spiritual gifts
- Life in the Spirit

Who wants to be healed?

- You have to ask
- No self pity – “I’ve prayed...God could do it anytime if he wants.”
- God uses doctors, medicines, dentist, but we always press into Jesus first
 - Sickness is to be subdued & God uses the medical community & even our own immune system to subdue it.