

# WEDNESDAY FAITH & HEALING CLASS

## SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

### HISTORY OF HEALING

- 1.) **MK. 16:15-20** After the Resurrection, the church continued the healing ministry of Jesus. They did so by bringing the **COMPASSION** of Jesus to the sick just as Jesus did.
  - A.) **ACTS 3:1-16** Peter gave the beggar something money can't buy. He brought him God's **LOVE** and compassion that resulted in **HEALING**.
  - B.) **MK. 6:12-13** Here, they preached the need to **REPENT**, then expelled **DEMONS**, anointed the **SICK** with oil and healed them.
  - C.) **JAMES 5:13-16** Anointing the sick with oil for healing was a **NORMAL** part of early church life. The Book of Acts records **MANY** healings that took place.
- 2.) Post Scripture History:
  - A.) Healing was a normal part of early Christianity that resulted in **ROME** converting to Christianity. Through the supernatural healing ministry, many became **CHRISTIANS**.
  - B.) During the 300's, a **SHIFT** of thought began taking place. Healing testimonies were used to prove the divine **ORIGIN** of Christianity, but God's compassion for hurting people was **LOST**.
  - C.) Augustine (380) was taught not to pray for healing, but later in his retractions, he experienced healing and affirmed its **VALIDITY**.
  - D.) By 400, physical healing was no longer understood as an **INVITATION** to wholeness, but as a **DISTRACTION** from it.
  - E.) Pope Gregory the Great (600) taught bodily sickness as God's way of **CHASTENING** His children.
  - F.) In the 700's, anointing with oil for healing was **NOT** permitted to be done by **LAY** people, only bishops and priests were allowed to do so, and only for the healing of the **SOUL**. By the

800's, the anointing sacrament was done only just before **DEATH**. The healing ministry Jesus commissioned was almost **LOST**.

G.) By the 1100's, anointing for healing became **EXTREME UNCTION** and by the 1,500's Calvin taught Cessationism-that healing ended with the death of the last **APOSTLE**. He also taught that demons were banished after the Resurrection and the church **NO LONGER** needed deliverance. This belief greatly **INFLUENCED** Baptists, Presbyterians and most Evangelicals.

H.) In 1770, David Hume declared the miracles of Jesus **NEVER** occurred, and the Gospels are not really true. By 1900, the Christian healing ministry was all but dead.

3.) The Azusa Street Revival:

A.) Led by William J. Seymour in 1906, and lasted through 1915. It was characterized by spiritual **GIFTS**, amazing physical **HEALINGS** and many signs, wonders and miracles. It **REVIVED** the Pentecostal movement and was the **PRIMARY** catalyst for the spread of Pentecostalism in the 20th Century.

4.) Jesus has never changed. **HEB. 13:8**

A.) Man's **VIEWS** change, man's **THINKING** changes, but Jesus is **ALWAYS** the same. He was a healer, is the Healer and will always be our Healer.

B.) He is just as **COMPASSIONATE** today as He was when He walked the Earth and wants us healthy and whole!

**2 PET. 1:3-4**

\* God has gone through **GREAT LENGTHS** to purchase our freedom from spiritual death and to give us eternal life.

\* Along with our freedom, God has given us **ALL THINGS** that pertain to life and Godliness and **PRECIOUS PROMISES** that must be received by faith.

\* **ROM. 5:1-2** All we receive from God comes by **GRACE** through **FAITH**. We don't **DESERVE** it, we can't **EARN** it, it's a provision that must be **RECEIVED** in order to be **EXPERIENCED**. We **ACCESS** God's grace by faith.

1.) **JOHN 1:10-12** - The choice is ours. We can **RECEIVE** or not **RECEIVE**, the decision is ours to make.

2.) **EPH. 2:8** - We are saved by **GRACE** through **FAITH**. We access God's saving **GRACE** through **FAITH**. **GAL. 3:2, 14** We receive the spirit by **GRACE** through **FAITH**.

3.) Whether we're receiving salvation, the spirit, healing or any other promise, we **MUST** receive by faith.

4.) **JAMES 1:5-8** We can't **RECEIVE** what God has not **GIVEN**. Healing is one of God's **PROVISIONS** that has already been given to us in the Atonement.

5.) **HEB. 6:12** - If we want bible promises to **MANIFEST** in our lives, we must **POSSESS** them through faith and patience.

\* **MT. 9:29** - This statement of Jesus is as **VALID** for us **TODAY** as it was **THEN**. We receive according to our faith.

Patience is not just putting up with things. It's staying **STEADY**, **MAINTAINING** our course, **PERSEVERING**, not growing **WEARY**, **QUITTING** or **GIVING** up.

Patience **UNDERGIRDS** our faith while experiencing the time lapse between the **PROMISE** and its **FULFILLMENT**.

**HEB. 10:35-36**

\* Patience is the **KEY** to receiving God's promises.

**ROM. 12:3**

\* We all have been given the **MEASURE** of faith. That measure is enough to give us **VICTORY** over anything we face in this life.

\* After we've done the will of God, which is **RELEASING** faith in the Word and acting upon it, **PATIENCE** supports our faith until the **ANSWER** is manifested.