

THE HEALING CHRIST

Mark 16:18-Acts 28:3-5-Isa. 43:2
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When we speak of the Healing Christ we usually think of bodily healing. Many people have taken up that thought and run it into fanaticism in the name of Christ and to the discredit of Christianity. And have decreased the popularity of such and have, in a way, shorn religious workers of the benefits the might well come in the field of what is termed "Divine healing!"

I want to show you what I mean:

- a. Craig at Dumas....Bottle of oil...baby about to die...a man with infected foot....being advised not to have a doctor.
- b. Case near Cleveland Mississippi where the father would not use a doctor nor quinine when his child had malaria Hemitura
- c. Pentecostal preacher at Corinth, Mississippi with infected foot told Dr. McRae to get him well as quickly as possible for he had to heal some folk over at his church in five days and said it would never do for them to see him limping.

We should pray and cooperate WITH doctors and medicine because God has just as plainly put medicine here to be discovered and used, and just as truly put doctors here in answer to the urge as He has put prayer and the Bible here. Some of the greatest doctors in the country are using religion in connection with their practice. It calms the nervous system of the patient..relaxes him and puts him in a condition to receive treatment...And God's way to heal is to use all that He has prompted people to do...Doctors, medicine, nurses, hospitals, and religion.

Like I said in the out set when we hear the words Healing Christ we think of bodily healing alone. But Jesus is the healer of the mind...He is the safest mind cure...He is the soul healer When He heals the soul many times the body becomes healed. Many a person's bad health comes because of sin in the life..They worry over the sin that they have kept secret and under the worry the body fails...So clear up the sin and many times you clear up the illness. I think that one of the best thing preachers could do would be to set up a spiritual clynic in our churches. I have thought about doing that very thing. But some one would object saying..."Your preachers are not perfect and you could not heal us." Right here let me give you an encouraging word.God has made it so that he can heal people through people who are not perfect spiritually. We preachers do not pose as being infallable and if God waited for us to

be before He used us as instruments of healing ---even in the matter of the Soul...when would any body be healed?

Take the matter of hospitals...they are not found except where Christ has been. It is a Christian institution...sin nor the devil ever suggested a hospital...the motive under hospitalization is Christian..But in a hospital a sinful, selfish, drunken surgeon...an atheist, non church member performs an operation and the person gets well....and this happens thousand of times...through an imperfect man spiritually Christian healing came....The old darkey receiving the potatoes said, "The Lord may have sent them but the devil brought them...God out does the evil to bring in the good...He even can use the result of war to bring about good...."Don't do as I do but as I say do

It just does not seem the thing to do for us preachers in Columbus to parade our goodness and claim that we have it and you don't...While the timidity is there in our saying that we can help you get well spiritually and thereby get well in many case physically...yet God would have us testify to what we feel religiously in our hearts...And in answer to God's expectation there I want to say that I could not stand in this sacred desk if I did not feel that through Jesus I was making a fairly good job of living a Christian life.

Jesus while on earth healed...

- a. Opened deaf earsThat happens today
- b. Opened blind eyes.....that happens to day
- c. Stopped blood...that happens to day..Dr. Wolford
- d. Cast out demons..that has happened hundreds of millions of times since Jesus went away...

Jesus could heal to day in the same order as in his days of the flesh if He chose..It was necessary then with no hospitals and a confidence to be established in His Apostles etc. Today no healing happens except He be present..Many a doctor comes to the point where he says, "There is nothing else that I can do."And then the person gets well...Your pastors experience at Ripley, Mississippi...I had rather have a Christian doctor one that prays before the operation...working on mine...

