

Lesson 6

Grace for Receiving Healing

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. On the same cross that Jesus died for our sins and made righteousness available, He died also for our sicknesses and made healing available.
 - A. It's God's grace through faith that has saved you. You can't do anything, quit anything, or start anything to get God to save you. You are saved by God's amazing grace through childlike faith.
 - B. It's also true that you can't do anything to get healed.
- II. God's grace through faith is how we receive healing, just like God's grace to be saved through faith is how we enter into eternal life.
 - A. David celebrated the grace of God. David encouraged us to remember the benefits of God, and yet so many Christians today live far short of the provisions and benefits that God has made available.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

_____ Psalms 103:1-4

- B. We're not to forget that we're forgiven of all of our iniquities, that God has already extended complete and total forgiveness to every believer, or that our sins—past tense, present tense, and even future tense—have been forgiven by God.
- C. I am a forgiven man. Yet if I sin, I confess that to God, and He cleanses me in my soul where sin affects me emotionally. He also cleanses me in my body, which isn't yet redeemed and where sin can affect me and open up the door for Satan to steal, kill, and destroy.

- III. God wills for you to be healed. He wills for you to receive of His love and mercy in this area of your life as well as in the area of forgiveness of sin.

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

- A. Jesus bore all your sins and sicknesses 2,000 years ago in His body on the tree, so by His stripes you're now healed. Yet that doesn't mean it's impossible for you to experience sickness in your body.
- B. You are healed, and now sickness and disease may be fighting against you in your body, but you can resist sickness just like you can resist sin.
- C. Understanding the grace of God helps you fight sickness from a position of victory, not of defeat, as a victim.
- D. If you commit a sin or a transgression, that is not your nature, that is not who you are. You can reckon yourself dead to it and alive unto Jesus and live unto righteousness—that's the grace of God (1 Pet. 2:24).
- E. You are dead to sickness, and you now need to live unto healing.
1. Being dead to sickness doesn't mean you never get sick or that it's impossible for you to be tempted with sickness.
 2. It doesn't mean when you're dead to sin that it's impossible for you to sin.
 3. It means sickness has no more power over you than sin has over you.
 4. You can resist sin now because you're righteous in Jesus and live a righteous life by the power of God.
 5. You can resist sickness now, and by the same cross, the same power and grace of God, you can live in healing now.
- IV. Without God, sickness is just a part of the human condition.
- A. Sickness is just a part of this life and people yield to it, even expect it; many people don't understand that they're believing for it and expecting it.
- B. God wants you to believe for healing and expect it when you're tempted to be sick.

V. Sickness was a curse under the Old Covenant law.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:13–14

- A. God did bring sickness as a punishment and as a curse for breaking the Old Testament law. Everywhere under the Old Covenant law you see God putting diseases on and afflicting people, it was His wrath for sin.
- B. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law; He redeemed us from all of those sicknesses, all of those diseases—that is the grace of God.
- C. Paul talked about how foolish these Galatians were, how they were saved by grace but then tried to be mature or perfected or live holy by their own works. He tried to bring them back to grace and faith. They were saved by grace, forgiven by grace, and made righteous by grace through faith.

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

Galatians 3:1–4

- D. You can't get saved by works of the law and you can't get healed by works of the law. We can't perform miracles among us by works of the law.

Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:5

- E. Just like people are tempted to try to earn their salvation, people are tempted to try to earn their healing. That's works of the law—that's you appealing to your own holiness.

- F. God is reminding us that—just like we are made righteous by grace through faith, and we are forgiven by grace through faith—we are healed by grace through faith.

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

Galatians 3:6

- VI. Sin is connected by some degree to sickness in the world.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:14-15

- A. By sin, death came into the world. All that makes up death, sickness, disease, oppression, and depression is part of the darkness of this world.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

- B. The disciples knew there was a connection between sin and sickness; they simply misapplied that connection. It wasn't the personal sins of the baby or the parents that made him blind; it was sin in the world.

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

John 9:1-4

- C. Personal sin and living in sin can give place to Satan and create sickness and disease in our lives, but not everybody who is sick personally sinned to cause that sickness or disease. We are born into this fallen world.

- D. While Jesus is tarrying His return, our bodies are subject to sickness and disease because they are not redeemed. They've been purchased, they've been bought, and they belong to God, but they're corruptible. So, if we choose to live in sin and rebel against God, we're giving place to Satan, and he came to steal, kill, and destroy.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

- E. We become servants to whoever we yield to. If we yield to Satan in sin, he can bring sickness and disease.

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

Romans 6:16

- VII. God's not going to hold sin against you, and God's not going to withhold healing from you, even if you're falling short in some areas.

- A. There is a place to be humble and confess a fault or a trespass to one another, and there's a healing that comes through confession. That includes more than just healing of our bodies.

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16

- B. A righteous man is a man who has put his faith in the amazing grace of God and been forgiven of his sins. Elijah wasn't a perfect man; he was a man just like us, with shortcomings, but when he prayed in faith, he saw miracles.
- C. Receive your healing based on what Jesus did, not what you do, haven't done, or wish you had done. Receive your healing by grace through faith, not works of the law.