

Healing And Health 2002

The question of healing revolves around *God's will*. If sickness is the will of God, it is wrong to seek healing, even from a medical doctor.

I. God's Will Revealed Through The Following

A. The nature of God

God has always been the *healer (physician)* of His people, and He never changes (Ex. 15:26, Mal. 3:6, James 1:17)

B. Christ's ministry

1. Father, Son and Spirit united in bringing healing to humanity; sickness attributed to the devil (Acts 10:38)
2. Christ visibly revealed the will of God (John 6:38; 14:9)

C. Christ's atonement

1. As "the last Adam," Jesus on the cross received all the evil due to our fallen race (including sickness and pain)
2. That we, by faith, might receive all the good due to Jesus (including healing and health). (Is. 53:4-5, Matt. 8:16-17, 1 Pet. 2:24)

II. The Agent Of Healing

A. The Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11)

B. Resurrection life in a mortal body (2 Cor. 4:10-11)

III. The Means Of Healing

A. God's Word (Ps. 107:20, Prov. 4:20-22)

B. Laying on of hands (Mark 16:18)

C. Anointing with oil (James 5:14-15)

D. Spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:9-10, 18)

IV. Continuing Health

A. *To be in health* is God's will for the believer (3 John 2)

B. *Health* is a *decision*

1. God requires us to make the choice (Deut. 30:11-19)
2. The choice is made in the *heart*, confessed with the *mouth* (Rom. 10:8-10)