

Praying for Healing - Only Believe!

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It's By His Grace

We received God's free gift of salvation through the faith He put in our hearts. Recall how Jesus replied to Peter first proclaiming that He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. "For flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven" (Mt 16:17, NKJV). All of the good that God has made the way for us to receive, including the free gift of salvation, is by His grace. He is the author and finisher of this faith that He personally brings us into. Us receiving this fullness of salvation is upon His shoulders, not our own strength or understanding.

Know God Is Good

God's will is good. He showed His "good will towards man" in sending His Son. The Son revealed the Father in all the good that He did, including that everyone who came to Him for healing, received healing! We receive His good will through faith, as opposed to those (such as we read in Matthew 13:58) who didn't come to Him expecting to receive.

From the place of turning to Jesus as Lord, we can now actually perceive the truth of the Word and know what belongs to a redeemed child of God (1 Corinthians 2:12-16, Ephesians 1:17-20).

We want our minds to unite to the truth of God's character and His will for us, as revealed through the Holy written Word. His Word is true. The Father wants us to know (as a lifestyle) what Jesus has made the way for. Jesus came to give us true life! It glorifies God when we receive through what the Son has done for us. (John 14:13)

Believe God's Promises

We can know that His heart is not just for us to merely receive what we know to ask for, but for wholeness. Consider the account of the physical healing of the ten who were lepers, but the one who came back to Jesus to give glory to God was made "whole." (Luke 17:12-19)

"But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

“We are on a course of continually seeing what this redemption looks like. It’s His goodness that draws us to repent and give Him our whole lives. Because of what Jesus did, we can know God as Father, who loves us as His own dear children!” Romans 2:4, John 1:12

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” Matthew 7:11

We actually need to believe that God is good like His Word says He is!

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” 3 John 1:2

This is His will!

“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,” Psalm 103:2-4

These are promises in the Word, not maybes:

“Is any sick among you? 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 shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” James 5:14-15

“And these signs shall follow them that believe...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Matthew 16:17-18 (excerpts)

Ask the Father in Faith

“In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; “for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.” John 16:26-27

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” 1 John 5:14-15

All of His promises are “yes and amen.” 2 Corinthians 1:20

“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;” James 1:6-7

“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God (note: or “of God”, not your own power or straining to believe). “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*” Mark 11:22-24

“We can draw near to God, praying confidently with thanksgiving, boldly saying “amen” (so be it), because God is good and because we are forgiven, loved, and called to intercede according to His good will in the authority of Jesus Christ!” Hebrews 10:22, 1 Timothy 2:1, Matthew 16:19, Ephesians 1:22

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

“As Jesus told the ruler of the synagogue who came to Him for healing for His Daughter,” Luke 8

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