

ONE FROM THE HEART

Resurrection Power in Healing

We commemorate Jesus' death on the cross with sombreness, but the resurrection calls for jubilation, praise and song. All the blessings that come our way through our Saviour's cross are confirmed by the resurrection. It proved that the Father was satisfied with the Son's payment for our sins. Now we can know that our transgressions are forgiven and we're eternally secure.

We are happy, we rejoice, because by God's Grace, Jesus will give you the same resurrection (Romans 6:4-5). The same power that raised Jesus from the dead will raise you as well. Jesus promises that we, too, will be resurrected and given new bodies. Physical death could not hold Him, nor will it overpower us. Because He overcame the grave, His followers have the same kind of life He has—eternal and indestructible. All because of what Jesus Christ did for you. This is the blessed hope that all believers have!

Death will have no power over you. So, celebrate, worship, and rejoice! If you believe in Jesus, believe in the power of His resurrection. Because that same power that raised Jesus from the dead is with us (John 11:25-26).

This is the eternal hope we all have. This is the steadfast assurance we can have for life eternal in God's presence.

With unwavering faith, we trust the Bible because Christ's power over the grave proves He can and will fulfil every word. If we trust the Bible, we must act on the promises of the Bible.

In John 14, Jesus is encouraging His disciples about how things will be when He's no longer with them (John 14:1-17).

- + Life eternal with God
- + The power of God at work through our lives
- + The promise of the Holy Spirit

Many of the works that Jesus did were to bring healing. Everywhere He went He healed the sick and the sick came looking for Him so that they might be healed (Luke 4:18-19; Luke 7:20-23).

Every Christian Has Been Commissioned to Heal

Jesus very clearly stated that we as believers are commissioned to heal the sick. He taught and commanded his disciples to do so and commanded them to pass it on to all believers.

- + Matthew 10:8
- + Mark 6:7, 12-13
- + Matthew 28:19-20

Commissioned = appointed / assigned / authorised

The Atonement

Now we are just the week after Easter and the work Jesus did on the cross by the spilling of His blood. This is sometimes called the atonement.

Matthew 8:17 and I Peter 2:24 clearly relate the healing to the blood atonement of Jesus as prophesied in Isaiah 53.

The Bible clearly relates the kingdom to healing.

Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'
Luke 10:9 (NIV)

The Mystery of Healing

A part of the everyday celebration of the resurrection should be for us to walk in resurrection power and a part of that is to have faith that God wants to deliver on what He's paid for!

However, when we pray for healing – we also know that not every time are people healed. There seems to be greater and lesser degrees of healing anointing.

The ministry of Jesus:

- + Luke 5:17
- + Mark 6:4-6

The ministry of Paul:

- + Acts 19:11
- + 2 Timothy 4:20

This is not meant as an encouragement to pass judgment when someone is not healed. We do not tell people they weren't healed due to their lack of faith. Our job is to press in for more. After all – Jesus prayed for dead people, and they don't have a lot of faith!

Our motive must always be to honour the name of Jesus Christ. The most important thing is that people feel loved and that you act in love as you pray for healing.

Let's live in a way that honours all that Jesus paid for at the cross. Let's walk in resurrection power, asking Him to do what only He can do, but in bold radical faith step into a place where we come believing that all Jesus did was not in vain but for today.

Discussion Questions

1. Share testimony of where you have seen or experienced God's healing power at work.
2. How does not seeing someone healed when they are prayed for, either effect their desire to continue to be prayed for, or the person doing the praying?
3. Read John 14:12-14. What is so challenging about these verses to you personally?
4. Discuss Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17 and I Peter 2:24.
5. Share needs for healing amongst the group, both for those present and others you know need healing. Pray for them in confidence that this is the work Jesus has done on the cross and wants to bring to pass in the lives of others.