

What The Bible Teaches on
HEALTH and HEALING
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Chapter 9: Was everyone healed in the New Testament?
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9. Was everyone healed in the New Testament?

(a) Did Jesus Christ heal all the sick people He encountered?

(1) Mark 6:1-6

Jesus was astonished at the lack of faith of the people of His home town. It proved to be a hindrance to miracles. As a result, only a few sick people were healed there.

(2) John 5:1-14

Jesus passed by the pool of Bethesda where a great number of sick and disabled people were waiting and hoping for miraculous healing. He had the power to heal them all but singled out only one of them for healing.

(b) Were Jesus' disciples always healed?

(1) 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

St Paul describes a "thorn in the flesh," sent by Satan to torment him. We do not know exactly what it was, but three times the Apostle made it a matter of serious prayer to no avail. The answer he got was that God's grace was sufficient for him.

(2) 2 Timothy 4:20

Trophimus was a fellow Evangelist working with Paul. They were on Gospel business together when he fell ill. He was not cured, and Paul had to leave him at Miletus.

(c) Why some are not healed?

(1) Matthew 13:14-15, [John 12:37-41; Acts 28:26-27]

Jesus Christ quoted from the prophecy of Isaiah to explain that the people harden their hearts from turning to the Lord for healing.

(2) Matthew 9:12, [Mark 2:17]

Those who do not acknowledge their need of healing from Jesus cannot be healed.

10. Is all miraculous healing the work of God?

We know that Satan sometimes pretends to be an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14), and that he has power to perform miracles, including miraculous healing.

(1) Acts 14:8-14

When the crippled man was healed at Lystra, the people attributed the miracle to their pagan gods, because they believed the gods capable of performing miracles of healing.

(2) Revelation 13:1-4

This is the story of the Beast in the Book of Revelations, which represents the Anti-Christ. We are told that it suffered a fatal wound, but the wound which should have killed it was healed.