



## Does God Still Heal Today- Part 2

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***Matt 4:23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.***

### **9 Reasons Why I Believe God Still Heals Today**

- 1. Because of what I read in the Old Testament.** The God who never changes calls Himself the healer of His people. (Ex 15:26)
- 2. Because of what I read about Jesus.** Nearly 1/5 of the entire Gospels is devoted to Jesus' healing and the discussions occasioned by it. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever. (Heb 13:8)
- 3. Because of what I read about the Apostles.** The ministry of Jesus was not to be a fading memory but an ongoing reality through the Apostles.
- 4. Because of what I read about the 70, and others in the Book of Acts and in the Epistles.**
- 5. Because of what I read in church history after the first century.**
- 6. Because God's messengers still need to be authenticated.** If Jesus needed to be authenticated by the works of God, how much more do we need it? And if the Living Word needed to be authenticated, how much more does the written Word?
- 7. Because Healing Miracles Open Doors for Evangelism (Acts 9:32-43).** These miracles caused mass evangelism. If you are for evangelism, then you ought to be for healing.
- 8. Because it brings glory to God.** (Jn 11:1ff) Why was Lazarus raised from the dead? To glorify God.
- 9. Because Jesus still has compassion for people**

***Matt 14:14 And when He went ashore, He saw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and healed the sick.***

***Mk 1:40-42 And a leper came to Him, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, "If you are willing, You can make me clean." And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.***

If Jesus isn't healing anymore today, then what I want to know is where did the compassion go?

[Let's look at a familiar passage and notice something that is missed by most.]

***Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.***

***Matt 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,***

***Matt 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the***

age.”

What did Jesus teach His disciples to do?

***Luke 9:1 And He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases.***

***Luke 9:2 And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to perform healing.***

What did Jesus send out the 70 to do?

***Luke 10:1 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them two and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.***

***Luke 10:9 “and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you,’”***

***Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”***

The ministry that Jesus taught His disciples to do was to be passed down to disciples throughout history, all the way to us.

If a church is going to have a healing ministry, there are some biblical requirements.

## **1. A Healing Ministry Requires a Right Understanding of How God Works.**

**A. Sometimes God works through Intervention**

**B. Sometimes God works through Interaction**

**C. Sometimes God works through Inner-vention**

***2 Cor 12:8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.***

***2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.***

***2 Cor 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.***

## **2. A Healing Ministry Requires Faith (Mark 6:1-6)**

**\*God has so structured the realm of the Spirit that faith releases the power of God. \*When there is no faith, miracles don’t occur.**

**\*Next Sunday 5-6:30 pm healing service.**