

**Healing School Class 56**  
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“Making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.” **Mark 7:13 NKJV**

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” **Romans 10:17 NKJV**

Faith for spiritual healing comes by hearing the gospel.

““Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” **John 14:12-14 NKJV**

He did not exclude healing from this promise. Anything includes healing. This promise is for all.

“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” **Mark 11:24 NKJV**

Healing is included in the whatever. If it is not God’s will to heal all, His promise would not be dependable when Christ said, “If you live in me, and my words live in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you.

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” **John 15:7 NKJV**

“Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, **prepared for every good work.**” **II Timothy 2:21 NKJV**

“That the man of God may be complete, **thoroughly equipped for every good work.**” **II Timothy 3:17 NKJV**

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may **abound to every good work:**” **2 Corinthians 9:8 KJV**

A sick person cannot measure up to these scriptures. These conditions would be impossible if healing is not for all. Either healing is for all, or the scripture does not apply to all.

Bodily healing in the New Testament was called mercy, and it was God’s mercy which always moved Him to heal all the sick. His promise is that He is “plenteous in mercy to all that call on Him.

“For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.” **Psalms 86:5 NKJV**

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” **II Corinthians 5:21 NKJV**

Since Christ bore our sins, how many is it God’s will to forgive? Answer: whoever believes. Since Christ bore our sicknesses, how many is it God’s will to heal? Answer: He healed them all.

Some people believe that if we are righteous, we should expect sicknesses as a part of our life. They quote the scripture: “many are the afflictions of the righteous” (**Psalms 34:19**), but this does not mean sickness as some would have us believe. It means trials, hardships, persecutions, and temptations, but never sicknesses or physical disabilities.

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all.” **Psalms 34:19 NKJV**

It would be a contradiction to say, “Christ has borne our sicknesses, and with His stripes we are healed,” but then to add, “many are the sicknesses of the righteous, which He requires us to bear.”

“But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” **I Peter 5:10 NKJV**

This suffering does not refer to suffering sickness, but to the many ways in which God's people have so often had to suffer for their testimony.

“So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.” **Acts 5:41 NKJV**

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.” **James 5:13 NKJV**

This scripture does not refer to sickness, but to trials, hardships, persecutions and temptations.

“For whom the Lord loves He chastens And scourges every son whom He receives.” If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.” **Hebrews 12:6-8 NKJV**

Chastening means “to instruct, train, teach and as a teacher trains a child.