

The Cross

God’s Perfect Remedy for the Whole Man

We are going to look at Calvary. We are going to look at the “Atonement” of Christ and reflect on what Jesus Christ has done in our place and for us; what great extremes He went through to bring sinful man back to a holy God; and what a great salvation we have in Him!

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the “**power of God**” for “**Salvation**” to everyone who **Believes**; to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1. *dunamis* - Power - power inherent in a thing; Specifically the power of performing miracles!
2. 4991 *sótéria* - Salvation - To be rescued from God’s wrath; delivered from the power and eternal consequences of sin; **to be brought into God’s safety and divine provision. This includes the forgiveness of sin and healing of the body. (Psalm 103)**
3. *Pisteuo* - believe - to place confidence; to trust In Jesus

4991 *sōtēria* (comes from 4982 /*sōzō*, “to save, heal, preserve, rescue”)

The Gospel is packed with miracle working power of salvation for those who will believe.

The Atonement of Christ which is Jesus Christ crucified on the cross is the only grounds upon which we may confidently believe and receive God’s saving, healing delivering graces for the spirit, soul, and body of man.

1 Peter 2:24 He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. **BY HIS WOUNDS YOU ARE HEALED.**

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - **BY WHOSE STRIPES YOU WERE HEALED.**

1 Peter 2:24 ... HIS WOUNDS BECAME YOUR HEALING.

2390 *iaōmai* – to cure, to heal, to make whole; generally *physically healing* (healing, particularly as supernatural and bringing *attention to the Lord Himself as the Great Physician*

This word “healed” (*iáomai*) is used 26 times in NT and 23 times refer to **Jesus Christ healing physical infirmity**. It is used in Acts 10:38...Jesus was **healing all who were sick and oppressed of the devil**.

GOD HAS CHOSEN TO “SAVE” MAN THROUGH THE “ATONEMENT”... Through CHRIST CRUCIFIED and that is TO ALL WHO WILL “BELIEVE” THIS GOSPEL.

We need to know the scriptural ground we can stand on to release faith for our healing.

There should be no doubt in our mind or heart that salvation/healing “For the whole man” was provided through Christ at Calvary. By Faith in Christ Crucified God offers us deliverance for both soul and body. There is forgiveness of sin as well as healing of the body.

Just as one gets the first-fruits of the spiritual salvation (The Holy Spirit) in this life that now is, so we get the first-fruits of the physical salvation in this life that now is.

This truth needs to move from being only correct doctrine to **personal revelation** in our hearts where doubt and unbelief will not rob us of God’s best.

Romans 15:4 Whatever things were written before (OT) were written for our learning, that through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures we might have hope.... (Of the things to come)

A Shadow of Things to Come:

Numbers 21 Points to Christ Crucified: A Type of the Atonement in OT which shows a picture of forgiveness and restoration to health for the children of Israel.

Numbers 21 Shows us a foreshadowing of that which is was to come... “Christ Crucified” who brings forgiveness of sin and healing of disease.

Numbers 21:5-9 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? ...our soul loathes this worthless bread.

So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and many died from the bites of the serpents. In answer to their repentance ... “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us... God prescribed the erecting of a bronze serpent on a pole to which any might “Look” and be saved from physical death...physically healed. So It was, if a

**serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, HE LIVED....
(was physically healed)**

This is a type of Christ bearing the sins of the world. Forgiveness and Healing come to those who look in faith to Christ. We see the regaining of health and being physically healed from the plague by looking at the brazen serpent, which was lifted up as a type of the Atonement... Christ Crucified.

The Greatest Old Testament prophecy relating to Jesus Christ's Atonement and what happen at the cross is stated in the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 53 graphically foretells of the Crucifixion. It holds the “key” to our salvation both spiritually and physically.

Chapter 52:14 But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured He seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows and pains, and **acquainted** with grief and sickness; ...

Acquainted: yada / to know through personal experience

Jesus came to personally know our pain, sorrows, and sicknesses by taking them upon himself on the cross.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely He has **borne** our **sicknesses (2483)** and carried our **pains (4341)** (physical and mental)... (On the cross as our **substitute** just as “He **bore** the sin of many”... Isaiah 53:12)

He did it in our place; vicariously as our substitute. He bore both our sins and our sicknesses.

Borne: to lift, to carry off, to take away... example: pallbearer, scapegoat / To bear something as a punishment

OT:2483 choli : “sickness” “disease” “illness” “griefs”

OT:4341 mak'ob, “pain, sorrow”

- a) pain (physical)
- b) pain (mental)

Isa 53:5 NKJV But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

He bore and carried them away as our punishment, or removed them from us... It is a finished work in the spiritual realm!

He carried the punishment we deserved and took our place. He was a Divine Substitute for us.

He bore our sin and our sicknesses on the cross... forgiving our sins and redeeming us from the penalty and curse of breaking the Law.

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

He paid the price for us to be set free from the curse of the Law.

What is the curse of the Law? Deuteronomy 28 enumerates curses due to disobedience... all sicknesses are among the curses.

In the spirit realm we have been forgiven and healed through the atoning work of Jesus Christ. In the realm of the Spirit we have been provided with all we will ever need.

Faith does not beg God to forgive or heal us. Faith does not make or move God to forgive or heal us. God has already moved! He has forgiven and healed us through Christ at Calvary. The provision is there. We do not need to coax an unwilling God. Healing is an accomplished fact. Faith appropriates the provision. Faith takes what God is offering and says, THANK YOU, JESUS!

Ephesians 1:3 Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

Mark 11:24 What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

Isaiah reveals a 3 fold redemptive work that has been accomplished through Jesus Christ.

1. Vs. 5a But He was wounded for our “transgressions (willful rebellion)”; He was bruised for our “iniquities.” (Iniquity: means premeditated choice, continuing without repentance)

THIS SPEAKS OF SPIRITUAL HEALING and is related to the **forgiveness of sins.**

Mark 2:17 "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

2. Vs. 5b The chastisement needful to obtain peace and well-being for us was upon Him.

THIS SPEAKS OF HEALING FOR THE SOUL....Peace with God... Peace of EMOTIONS... Peace of Mind... general well-being begins within... peace in relationship with God--- well-being in the soul realm...

3. Vs. 5c And with the stripes that wounded Him we are healed and made whole.

THIS REFERS TO PHYSICAL HEALING of the Body. Rapha: to heal; to mend stitch by stitch; to cure.

The gospel of Matthew confirms this verse is referring to physical healing. Under the inspiration of Holy Spirit Matthew makes commentary here about Isaiah 53.

Matthew 8: 16, 17 And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "**He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.**"

Exodus 15:26 ... For I AM the LORD that heals you.

On the Cross ... Nailed to the Cross He was the Sacrificial Lamb of God taking away the sin of the world; bringing man back into relationship with God through Faith in Christ.

1 Peter 1:19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, **spotless Lamb of God.** God chose him as your ransom long before the world began,

Jesus Christ the Lamb of God... The Passover Lamb

The First Passover Lamb and Meal foreshadows the Crucifixion of our LORD and the Blessings obtained through His death.

The first Passover Meal (Exodus 12) provided **deliverance from the angel of death / strength and health for their bodies** / and blessings of provision.

The Ancient Passover Meal: The Israelites’ exodus from Egypt... When leaving Egypt the Lord instructed the Israelites to **slaughter an unblemished lamb**; to take the blood and apply it to the top and sides of the door frames of the houses.

- **First aspect of the Passover:** The lamb’s blood became a sign of **supernatural protection / deliverance...** The angel of death would **PASS OVER** these houses... and **no destructive plaque of death** would touch these households that, at midnight, would slay the firstborn in every **unmarked house**.
- **Second aspect of the Passover:** The eating of the meal... The slain lamb was to be roasted and all of the lamb was to be eaten.

The lamb’s blood applied on the door post brought deliverance/salvation from the destroying plague of death (judgment of God), but eating the lamb’s body brought a supernatural strength (healing) to their own physical bodies for the journey ahead.

The entire nation of Israel came out of Egypt saved /delivered from the plague of death (eternal judgment) and their bodies strengthened and made whole for the road ahead! Hallelujah!

We know this by Psalms 105:37 “He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one “feeble” person among their tribes. (Not one weak or tottering or without strength... They were all made strong in body.... **Whether they were old in age or ill ... They were “strengthened” as the lamb entered their bodies...Life in the Lamb!**

This Passover Lamb was a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ as our Lamb that was slain on the Cross. By Faith Christ blood speaks to us of the deliverance from spiritual death (and eternal judgment and punishment). By faith His body that was violently killed speaks to us of receiving His Life and strength and health for our journey in life.

- **When Jesus celebrated the Passover Meal with His disciples before His death He inaugurated a new meaning to the Passover meal. He was inaugurating the New Covenant and its promises through His blood.**

As Christ broke the bread He spoke of this Bread as being His Body. He took the cup of wine that was used in the ancient Passover celebration and He introduced the cup as the cup of “His Blood” of the New Covenant.

Luke 22: 19 And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, **this IS MY BODY** which is given for you: **THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.** Likewise, also He took the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the New Testament in my BLOOD, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU.

Jesus said, “Do This in Remembrance of Me!”

Not just “in memory” of Me, but “affectionately” calling me to remembrance.

Christ body and His blood being offered up as the Ultimate Sacrifice for the forgiveness of all sin and healing of a lost and dying world.

Today the cup and the bread represent “The Finished Work” for our “Complete Salvation” which was accomplished through the death of Christ.

We in Christ receive the cup and the bread to **REMEMBER His Death AND GIVE THANKS** for the blessings and benefits that flow from the “Finished Work” on Calvary.

We are to partake with faith in His full forgiveness, full acceptance, and full power to restore, strengthen, and heal. When taken in faith we can appropriate the blessings of the New Covenant that come through the cross. Psalm 103; Isaiah 53

The Apostle Paul informed the church at Corinth about the importance of having the believers take the **Lord’s Supper in a sacred manner. 1 Cor. 11:23-32**

Paul instructs believers to take the elements in a 1. Worthy manner 2. Examine themselves and 3. Discern the significance of this holy ordinance.

He says because the Communion Meal was not held with due reverence and discernment many were 1 Cor. 11: 30 ... weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

- ✓ **Conversely stated** would be that proper discernment of the bodily sufferings of Christ brings greater life, strength and healing to the believer. The Life of Christ quickens the believers body.
- **Worthy manner:** Worshipful, Reverent, Repentant, Affectionately Recognizing the Full Worth of Christ’ Redeeming Work - to partake with faith in His full forgiveness, full acceptance, and full power to restore, strengthen, and heal... Spirit, Soul, and Body

- **Examine himself:** Am I living my life for Christ or for myself? Confess any sin that needs forgiveness.
- **Discerning the Lord’s body:** Having proper judgment of the spiritual significance... Jesus Christ took our judgment and now grace abounds through faith ...He took our judgment; bore our sin and its penalty so we could be free.

1 Peter 2:24 He personally bore our sins in His own body on the tree (as on an altar and offered Himself on it), that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By His wounds you have been healed.**

Psalm 103: 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits. (Of the cross)

3 Who forgives every one of all your iniquities, (Spiritual healing) who heals each one of all your diseases... (Physical healing)

4 Who redeems your life from destruction... (Temporal and Eternal salvation)

Who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies,

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord provides a means whereby we may take hold in faith The Atoning work of Christ Crucified and receive complete healing directly from Him. We must not underestimate the power in the Communion Meal.

Preparation before communion:

- ✓ **Look Inward:** But let a man examine himself... reach a result from an inquiry... Is there bondage (bitterness, critical spirit, malice, greed, etc?) ... Or a pet sin that you are struggling with? Confess any sin to God before receiving Communion.
- ✓ **Look Outward:** Forgive, Release and Let Go... Look toward those we know, including family, friends, or fellow believers. Reconciliation is the theme of the New Covenant. Am I walking in love towards others? **Unforgiveness, Bitterness, Critical Spirit, and Holding on to Hurts** can block the flow of God’s healing

power. As we examine our relationship with God we must examine our relationship with others.

- ✓ **Look Upward:** Look to Him with “Thankfulness of Heart.” Thank Him for his sufferings and death on the cross. Thank Him for purchasing salvation to the uttermost on the cross. .. **Spirit, soul and body!**

In Receiving Healing from God

Look to Christ NOT to Man: Isaiah 31:1; Jeremiah 17:5, 6, 7; Acts 3:6

Walk in Obedience to God’s Will: Exodus 15:26; James 5:16; Psalm 66: 18

Speak to the Disease and Command it to Go: Mark 11:23

Believe God Has Already Provided Healing for You: Mark 11:24

Believe and Confess (Speak) God’ Word: Romans 10: 9,10; James 5:15; Mark 16:17; Heb. 11:6

Remain in Faith till the Healing Manifest: Hebrews 10:36

Keep in an Atmosphere of Faith: Mark 6:5,6

Feed Your Faith on the Word of God: Romans 10:17; Psalm 103, Isaiah 53: 4, 5; Heb. 13:8

Praise the Lord before the Manifestation! : Psalm 63:3,4; Acts 16: 25,26; 2 Chronicles 20: 21,22

Always Be Thankful!: Psalm 100: 4, 5; Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18