

# 10. We believe that deliverance from sickness, by Divine Healing is provided for in the Atonement.

Isaiah 53 is known as the great crucifixion scripture written long before crucifixion was invented it describes in great detail the pain and agony that Jesus would suffer.

It is a very moving scripture which explains the Fathers willingness to let His son take our punishment for us. It also describes so ably in phrases like 'He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, so He did not open His mouth' Jesus willingness to take that place for each and every one of us.

The crucifixion is clearly the seat of healing to the greatest disease known to man, which all peoples, young and old, male and female, slave or free, swell under. That sickness is sin, to which the prognosis, according to Romans 6:23, is death. For a person to be cured of this, then as Jesus described in John 3, we must, like the children of Israel in the wilderness who looked up at the bronze serpent to be healed when bitten by the poisonous asps, look to the cross of Calvary to be saved. Now its not that there is magic in looking towards these things, rather it is the faith to believe if we obey God, then He will save us.

for the many centuries, this essential truth of the cross of Calvary was known and believed, if not twisted at times. Yet the idea that the healing spoken of in Isaiah 53:5 which we can receive through that atoning death and brutal torture, being more than a Spiritual one, was not seen.

We are aware that during Jesus ministry he healed many and raised the dead. We are also aware that the early church saw many of these same signs and wonders through the power of the Holy Spirit. what we have to grasp is that this same power is still with us, because it is through the cross of Calvary, which still has the power to set a person free from sin therefore still has the power to heal a person's body. We know this from such scriptures as Mathew 8:16-17, where Mathew actually quotes Isaiah 53:5, as the reason Jesus was able to heal infirmities. Therefore, we know without a shadow of a doubt in all circumstances the Lord is able to heal.

The reason this is possible is because all sickness is due to the curse of sin. That is not to say because someone has sinned they are ill, which is absurd and something Jesus refuted to His own disciples. Rather that through Adam, sin entered into the world, creation was fallen, and our bodies, which Paul calls bodies of death, labour in a fallen creation and thus the sin of Adam, causes our feebleness and infirmities. Jesus defeated the power of sin, death and hell at the cross, and so the power over infirmities was won. But our bodies are not to be resurrected, we are to receive new ones, this is necessary and so is death. Lazarus was raised from the dead, but died once again, for each man is appointed by God to good works, and He will equip them, until their appointed time.