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Healing

Let's talk about the logistics of Healing. Galatians Chapter 4 talks about Paul's healing. Remember he was struck blind? God healed him. How?

Galatians 4:13 ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

He preached anyway.

4:14 and my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

He wasn't rejected because he was blind, in fact he couldn't have been treated any better.

4:15 for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

Paul felt a lot of love coming from those people. He was in a very vulnerable position. He had just imprisoned and killed their friends. Now being blind he was dependent upon those he had mistreated. And yet, Paul was healed from his blindness. How?

4:21 tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

4:22 for it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

Both Christians were God's sons.
4:23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

One Christian is a flesh Christian by the law. The other Christian is a spiritual Christian by promise.

4:24 which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants

Two laws? Old Testament law and what else? Verse 3 tells us.

4:3 when we were children, we were in bondage under the elements of the world:

I looked up elements in Strong's. When you see the word elements, I want you to think of the periodic table of the elements or Isaac Newton. There is a law that says if you mix 2 parts hydrogen with 1 part oxygen you get H₂O or water. If you are a Christian of promise you are not under the Old Testament law or the law of the world. Jesus mixed water with oxygen and got wine. Verse 9 says the same thing.

4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

This verse says you know God and God knows you and not only are you not under the law, but the law is weak and beggarly!

OK that is great but logistically how do we get out from under the law?

4:30 Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

Cast out the law and her son. Her son might be the worldly laws or maybe it is the pain caused by the illness physical or emotional. Or Old Testament Law.

4:17 They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

Modern day Doctors can be zealous. They tell you that you are sick and that as a result of this sickness you will die. Then you pay them money. This is not good.

5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

You cannot use this newfound liberty for selfish reasons. But you can't serve one another if you are sick.

5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

So stay in the Spirit. You are not under Old Testament law or worldly laws like the periodic table of the elements.

5:4 whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

If you can justify your actions by the laws of social graces, Amy Vanderbilt (she wrote a book on etiquette) or scientific laws or Old Testament laws or church laws or any other known law, then you have fallen from grace. Try to stay in the spirit.

5:10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he

that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

You don't judge the people who are bothering you. God does.

5:15 & 16 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

To stay in the Spirit, don't get into fights with other people. The opposite of fighting is love. If you are in the Spirit you will be at peace.

5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

If you can stay out from under all the laws and stay in the Spirit and at peace, you can experience healing like Paul did.

Raising the Dead!

Tabitha

Acts 9:36-41

A disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: was full of good works.

37 She got sick and died; they washed her and laid her in an upper chamber.

38 They sent for Peter.

39 Peter came, all the people were weeping and showing the coats and garments Dorcas made. A lot of people loved Dorcas.

40 Peter made all the people leave, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning to the body said, Tabitha arise. She opened her eyes and sat up.

41 Peter helped her up, he called all the people and presented her alive.

We don't know what he prayed; all he said was Tabitha arise.

The Widow of Nain

Luke 7:11-14

Jesus went to a city called Nain and his disciples and a lot of other people went with him.

12 When he came to the gate of the city, they carried out a dead man. His mother was crying.

13 Jesus said to her Weep Not.

14 Jesus touched the bier: and said Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

Jesus didn't pray, he simply said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

The Rulers Daughter

Matthew 9:18-25

A ruler came to Jesus and said my daughter is dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

23 Jesus went to the ruler's house.

24 Jesus said give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 They put the people out, Jesus took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

Jesus denied that she was dead. He cast out the laughing scorners. He didn't pray to the Father or say anything to the maid, simply took her by the hand and she arose.

A sleeping Man fell out the Window and Died

Acts 20:9-12

Paul was preaching. Eutychus was sitting in a window. He fell asleep. When he fell out the window, he was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 So Paul ate and talked some more.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

Paul denied the fact that Eutychus was dead.

Paul didn't pray, didn't speak to Eutychus. He only told the people, don't worry about it. He is still alive. And Paul went and ate and preached some more. It was about midnight when Eutychus fell out of the window. In the morning after Paul left, they brought Eutychus alive, and were greatly comforted.

Lazarus

John 11:11-43

Jesus denied the fact that Lazarus was dead.

11 When Jesus said, our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly Lazarus is dead.

41-43 Jesus prayed, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth.

Jesus prayed, Father thank you for always hearing me. What was Jesus referring to when he said something so that the people would believe that God had sent Jesus?

Part of Jesus prayer almost sounds like an apology. He said something so the people would believe God had sent him.

Maybe it refers to 11:14 when Jesus said Lazarus is dead.

Denying the dead person is dead seems to be the pattern here. I think Jesus was

sorry he had to say Lazarus is dead.

Back in Galatians 4:30 we were told to cast out the bondwoman and her son. If you cast out an evil spirit, a spirit of sickness or death, and you truly feel successful, then I guess you would deny that that spirit is there anymore.

Deny

1. Paul verbally denied the fact that Eutychus was dead.
2. Jesus verbally denied that the ruler's daughter was dead. He made all the people leave, maybe because they believed she was dead.
3. Jesus denied Lazarus was dead. He apologized for saying he was dead.

We seem to think that when we pray to God for a supernatural miracle, we have to recite certain incantations, rebuke certain things, repeat old promises God has given us.

I don't think you can hold God to a promise or anything else. You can't force God's hand. You can't manipulate God.

Love may have something to do with it, too. Paul was very deeply loved by his friends. Dorcas was deeply loved by her friends. The Widow of Nain loved her son very much. The Ruler loved his daughter. Jesus loved Lazarus.

Knowing might be a key, to the secret, it might be union with God. You know that God doesn't want you to be sick. Believe that God wants you to be healthy. You can acknowledge something in your mind, but it must be felt before it can become a reality.

I think you can know God's heart. King David was a man after God's own heart. You can know that God loves you and really doesn't want you to get sick or die. You can know that he delights in giving you good gifts. He delights

in giving you a beautiful warm home, good car, loving spouse, supportive friends, super kids, smart brain, wonderful job, beautiful face and body, great health and overcoming the last enemy which is death.

Knowing that it would grieve God for Eutychus to die, Paul denied his death. Knowing that it would grieve God for Lazarus to die, Jesus denied his death.

Knowing that it would grieve God for the ruler's little girl to die, Jesus denied her death.

Knowing that God loves us and wants to give us good gifts, maybe we should deny that our home is too small, deny that our car is undependable, deny that our spouse isn't loving, that our friends are back stabbers. Deny stupidity, poor health and ugliness. Deny the cancer.

Instead like Jesus and Paul say, he isn't dead he is only sleeping.

Thank God that He knows the desires of your heart. After all he put them there! KNOW that God wants you to have a wonderful life! Yes a big beautiful house, fur coats and jewelry, health and life. KNOW that God loves you!

As I was working on this lesson, my kid broke his leg. We still took him to the emergency room and let the Doctors work on him. And we prayed a lot too.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. A-men.

Someday someone will do it. Why not you?

Peace be with you.

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