

WILL GOD HEAL ME

FINDING HOPE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

*"If in this life only we have hope in Christ,
we are of all men most miserable."*

~ 1 Corinthians 15:19

1. Introduction

- a. God can heal. But will he heal me... my daughter... my wife?
- b. This is a sensitive topic: people will be offended who think God's usefulness is limited
- c. Suffering may not be self-inflicted, it hurts, and people need help, comfort, healing.
- d. Inevitably, there will be stories, but don't these sound like "how to get rich like I did"
- e. Not *can* God heal, nor *has* he healed, but will he heal me. There is a difference.
- f. People want a healing because they feel pain, weak, helpless, and hopeless.
- g. The issue is not healing today, but hope. Give them hope! God has.

2. When our Hope is in Healing

- a. People who put their hope in healing today will be disappointed.
- b. Isaiah 53:5 is the goto verse for those whose hope is in healing
- c. Christ came to heal the brokenhearted, but broken bodies? - Luke 4:18, Ps 147:3
- d. The healing is of the sins, and promises given to Israel - 1 Pet 2:24, Matt 5:3
- e. Jesus said the sick need a physician - Luke 5:31
- f. People die. People get sick. Hope in "no more graves" is destined to fail.
- g. Do you expect there to be no more sickness, no more pain, no more death?
- h. Not until Rev 21:4 do we read the words "no more death"

3. Not Everyone Gets a Healing

- a. Hope for healing in the dispensation of grace is a vain hope.
- b. Doesn't the prayer of faith heal the sick? Jam 5:15... but faith has changed Phil 4:6-7
- c. Trophimus was left in Miletum sick – 2 Tim 4:20 (why? Acts 28:8-9)
- d. Timothy had oft infirmities and Paul gave him medical advice – 1 Tim 5:23
- e. Luke was a beloved physician, why wasn't he out of business? – Col 4:14
- f. Paul, the apostle, had infirmities, and Christ told him grace is sufficient – 2 Cor 12:7-9
- g. God has given us everything we need – why would he bless you beyond that?
- h. Healing ministries reject God's sufficient provision, and refuse not to walk by sight
- i. God had mercy on Epaphroditus, healing was no longer ubiquitous – Phil 2:25-27
- j. *Will God heal me?* He may not. You will eventually die... then what?

4. Hope in Christ

- a. What happens to you is less important than how you respond to it.
- b. God gives us hope, we wait for it - Romans 8:17-18, 22-25
- c. God's healing program today is death and resurrection. It is a trade-in program.
- d. Will God heal me? The answer is God has not promised to heal your flesh – 1 Co 15:19
- e. Our bodies are mortal, and we have the hope of glory! Ti 2:13, Phil 3:21, 1 Co 15:53
- f. If you are sick, you need a doctor. If you are looking for God's help, look to the power of Christ in resurrection, not in the power of cell regeneration.
- g. If you are without hope – trust Christ, he promises you righteousness and a real hope.
- h. If you get healed or if you don't – 1 Thess 5:18. Your hope is in the Lord, not healing.