

Introduction:

- So far in our series on Healing we have looked at:
 - 210428 The Causes of Sickness And Disease - If I know what cause sickness, I live towards prevention and respond to it accordingly.
 - 210505 Misconceptions About God Regarding Healing - for lack of understanding, many have believed lies about God and shut themselves out of God's provision for their healing. In short they believe wrongly.
- My goal this evening is to show you that healing is provided for in our redemption. If we can see from God's Word what He has done for us, then we can trust Him for our healing.

I. What is Redemption?

- A. Again, it is important to understand what the word redeem means in order to appropriate it by faith. Redeem from Websters dictionary: to buy back, to release from captivity by payment of ransom.
1. Jesus' life was given in exchange for our freedom and for our lives.
 2. One man's sin, Adam's sin, condemned us all to captivity. One man's life, the sinless Son of God, freed us from sin's bondage and captivity.
- B. Old Testament:
1. Hebrew 'pada' redeem - "The basic meaning of the Hebrew root is to achieve the transfer of ownership from one to another through payment of a price or an equivalent substitute." *Coker, W. B. (1999). R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament (electronic ed., p. 716). Chicago: Moody Press.* In other words, Jesus purchased our redemption by becoming our substitute on the cross. He gave his life to obtain a transfer of ownership. That is a good deal for us!
 2. Hebrew 'geulla' redeem- "One difference between this root and the very similar root *pādā* "redeem," is that there is usually an emphasis in *gā'al* on the redemption being the privilege or duty of a near relative. Finally, there is the very common usage prominent in the Psalms and prophets that God is Israel's Redeemer who will stand up for his people and vindicate them." *Coker, W. B. (1999). R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament (electronic ed., p. 716). Chicago: Moody Press.* This 'kinsman redeemer' is Jesus. He became a man just as we are only He was without sin. And in being like us He gave himself up for us, not for any other creature. Ie. Boaz.
- C. New Testament:
1. Greek 'agorazo' - to buy. "God, of course, pays the price himself in Christ, meeting the law's claim and thus giving true freedom through justification by faith (Gal. 3:24-25)." *Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). TDNT (p. 19). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.*
 2. 'lyo' to put off as in shackle or fetters, to free. God sold us into slavery because of sin but our nearest of 'kin' Jesus bought us back with His own life.
- D. Most people have no problem with this understanding of Jesus and our redemption. But the question remains...how does healing fit into redemption?

II. How Does Healing Fit Into Redemption?

- A. There are two important thoughts for us to consider concerning redemption. One, our sin is dealt with through Jesus death upon the cross. And two, our sickness is also dealt with in His awesome act of redemption.
1. I personally find it to be so much easier for people to believe for their sins to be forgiven than it is for them to believe for their sicknesses and diseases to be healed.
 2. The remedy for this, is understanding the Word of God. How do we know what to trust Him for if we do not know the Word of God.
- B. Healing is tied to Christ's work.
1. *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not all his benefits**, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed." (Psalm 103:2-6, ESV) David's declaration is:

 - a) He forgives ALL your sin.
 - b) He heals ALL your diseases
 - c) He redeems you from the pit.
 - d) He crowns you with love and mercy and satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed.
 - e) He works righteousness for all who are oppressed. The devil is the one doing the oppressing and one way he does it is through sickness and disease.*
 2. Let's note again the first two: ALL my sins, and ALL my diseases. Healing is a benefit of the Lord unto us! Benefit - Hebrew - 'gemul' - recompense, reward, benefit! Re-compensation! *"Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your **God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.**"*" (Isaiah 35:4, ESV) 'Rapa' Hebrew - healing. It is strictly a Hebrew word. It is not derived from any other language. It is used over 60 times in the OT and it means healing!
 3. Isaiah's prophecy of what Jesus would do: *"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds/stripes we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:3-5, ESV)
 - a) He has borne (nasa) the Hebrew word to carry, lift up, to take away.
 - (1) What is carried away is (choli) sickness, as from disease, beating or wounding.
 - b) He has carried (sabal) to bear or transport a heavy load.
 - (1) What is transported away is (makob) sorrow, pain and mental anguish.
 - c) Nasa and sabal are synonyms but sabal is used more of servitude. The most important context in which this root occurs is Isa 53:4-11. Here, the coming servant, Messiah, lifts up and takes upon himself man's sicknesses and bears the weight of his worrisome

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- d) Verse 4 of Isaiah 53 is dealing specifically with our diseases and sicknesses and the mental anguish that accompanies them. Jesus carried our sickness and our sin so that we don't need to.
4. Let's follow this passage to the NT. *"When Jesus arrived at Peter's house, Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. But when Jesus touched her hand, the fever left her. Then she got up and prepared a meal for him. That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.""* (Matthew 8:14-17, NLT)
 - a) Matthew is quoting Isaiah 53:4 and He changes the words "griefs and sorrows" to be "sicknesses and diseases".
 - b) Matthew also includes in the Is. passage the casting out of demons.
 - c) According to the context of the Matthew passage, it would very hard to interpret Isaiah 53:4 in any other way than to mean sicknesses and diseases.
 - d) Let's all note that this happened at Peter's house and later that evening Jesus healed people to fulfill the Word of the Lord through Is. the prophet.
 - (1) Is. 53:5 says Jesus was whipped so we are healed.
 - (2) 1 Peter 2:24-25 says that by His stripes we were healed!
- C. That brings us full circle: There are two major things that happen in our redemption:
 1. We were saved from our sins and given New Life in Christ!
 2. We were healed when Jesus went to the whipping post to take stripes upon his back.
 - a) *"I offered my back to those who beat me and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard..."* (Isaiah 50:6, NLT)
 - b) My back is covered with cuts, as if a farmer had plowed long furrows. (Ps 129:3 NLT).
 3. Both are received by faith! It is clear that the Bible reveals to us that redemption include healing!

Conclusion:

- Seeing that healing is included in our redemption which is provided by Christ's work, everyone should exercise faith for healing and walking in divine health.
- When you see that Jesus was not only forgiving people he came in contact with but He healed them! His death and His blood brings about forgiveness for all my sin and healing for all my diseases.
- Yes! Healing is included in our Redemption!