

Sunday, February 21, 2009—The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine: Sign Gifts, Healing

Introduction

- This morning we are going to continue with our series of studies looking at the costs associated with failing to Dispensational and Rightly Divide the Word of Truth in our Bible study.
- So far we have looked at some pretty controversial issues: the gospel, our commission, water baptism, tongues.
- As we progress, the topics are only going to become more controversial.
- This morning we are going to continue looking at the sign gifts by tackling the topic of healing.
- Once again we need to trust the Word of God over experience when it comes to these matters.
- In order to accomplish our goal this morning we will be looking at the following three points: A Denominational Disaster, A False Teaching, and Our Grace Healing Program

A Denominational Disaster

- Mark 16:15-20—This passage is one of the most disputed passages in denominational churches.
- Our Baptist brethren take verses 15-16 with some modifications while rejecting 17-18 because they don't like the Charismatic Gifts.
- Pentecostals and Charismatics like the whole passage and claim it is functioning today.
- Others who don't like the way the passage reads start redefining what everything means or just throw it out all together. However, the answer to the denominational problems the passage presents is not to declare the passage non-canonical and throw it out of the Word of God.
- Mark 16:17-18—States that the person who gets baptized in verse 16 has signs follow them in verse 17 and 18.
- It doesn't say that signs might follow them it says they shall. In fact there is something wrong when they don't.

- Are saved this morning? Have you trusted Christ death, burial, and resurrection as the only total and complete payment for your sin?
- Use drain O. Does anyone want to come forward by faith and claim the verse.
- We had better have a good reason for not doing so other than we are just to scared to trust God.
- Here in the commission of Mark 16 there is a healing program within the commission. We already know for previous studies that this is not our commission.
- I Corinthians 1:22—Remember who the signs were for. Like tongues, physical healing served as a sign to authenticate God’s message and messengers.
- Could you get into trouble claiming these verses today? It could cost you your life.

A False Teaching

- Matthew 8:14-15—Peter’s mother in law was totally restored.
- Matthew 8:16—Notice that all who were sick got healed. There were no miss fires, you don’t have enough faith, or you must have unconfused sin excuses given for why people weren’t healed.
- Notice that he was casting out devils and healing the sick. These were the two signs of the Kingdom of God according to the Old Testament Prophets.
- Isaiah 35:3-6—Healing the sick
- Zechariah 13:2—Casting out of devils.
- Luke 8:1—Christ physically demonstrated the presence of the kingdom by working to two signs required by Israel’s prophetic Scriptures. Israel should not have missed the significance of what Christ was doing.
- Matthew 12:25-28—The casting out of unclean spirits should have been a sign to Israel that the Kingdom of God was in their midst.
- Matthew 8:17—This is the favorite verse of those who teach that healing is in the atonement. They say, when Christ died at Calvary He provided for the physical healing of your body right now.
- Isaiah 54:4, I Peter 2:24—“by his stripes we are healed.”

- Is the cross found in Matthew 8? When did this healing take place? Right hear in Matthew 8.
- Even if they were right about how Matthew 8:17 reads they still have another problem the atonement for Israel is not fully realized until the kingdom.
- Matthew 24:34, Mark 13:30, Luke 21:32—This generation that experienced healing during Christ’s earthly ministry were not supposed to die.
- But they did die. Why? Israel failed to repent and was consequently set aside.
- Acts 3:1-8—The lame man wasn’t healed because he had enough faith. He didn’t even know he was going to be healed. In addition, he was healed totally and completely.
- If you had to get all the sin out of your life you wouldn’t even smell a blessing coming from God much less receive one.

Our Grace Healing Program

- II Corinthians 12:1-7, 9—If Christ died and paid for our physical healing at the cross, and God does not want you to be sick, then explain Paul’s attitude toward his physical weaknesses and infirmities.
- Unless Paul possesses a different understanding and perspective about what God is doing he is a terrible guy glorying in the very things that Christ work at Calvary took away.
- II Corinthians 4:16—Paul makes a distinction between you inward and outward man.
- I Thessalonians 5:23—Your body is clearly your outward man, while your soul and spirit constitute your inward man. One is material the other immaterial.
- Colossians 1:14—What redemption is Paul talking about in this verse the inward or the outward man?
- Ephesians 1:3, 7—Our blessings are spiritual in nature. Today in the Dispensation of Grace, God is not forming an earthly agency but a spiritual heavenly agency.
- As such we are present possessors of a Spiritual redemption through he blood of Christ through which we possess the total and complete forgiveness of all our sins.
- Finish Next Week.