

Questions – Part 1

Q1. What do I believe about Divine Healing?

What the Bible says about healing...

(1 Peter 2:24) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

(Isaiah 53:5) But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.



(Matthew 10:1, 7–8) He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness... {7} As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ {8} Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

(Matthew 4:23–24) } Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. {24} News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.

(Acts 3:1–8) One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. {2} Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. {3} When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. {4} Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” {5} So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. {6} Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” {7} Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. {8} He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

(Acts 5:12–16) The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. {13} No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. {14} Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. {15} As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. {16} Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

(James 5:14–16) Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. {15} And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. {16} Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

What my experience says about healing...

Q2. Is the Bible true and relevant, and can it be trusted?

What the Bible says about itself...

(1 Thessalonians 2:13) And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

(2 Timothy 3:16–17) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, {17} so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

What my experience says about the Bible...

Q3. Is it important that my personal experience also be used to answer important questions?

What the Bible says about personal experience and leading...

(Acts 15:28) It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

(2 Timothy 2:15) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

(Philippians 4:9) Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

(1 Corinthians 11:1–2) Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. {2} I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you.

(1 Timothy 4:16) Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

What my experience says about personal experience and leading...