

THE GIFT OF HEALING: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T

*1 Corinthians 12:9, 30

I. HOW DID JESUS CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES HEAL?

A. The HEALING MINISTRY of JESUS CHRIST

1. PURPOSES that Jesus Christ healed

- a. Jesus healed to _____ the _____. (Mt. 8:14-18, 12:15-21)
- b. Jesus healed to give undeniable _____ that He was _____.
(Mt. 9:6, 11:2-6; John 9:3; Acts 2:22)
- c. Jesus healed to _____. (John 11:4)
- d. Jesus healed that men would _____ and receive eternal life.
(John 20:30-31)

2. FACTS of Jesus Christ's healing

- a. He _____ heal _____ who needed healing. (John 5:3-5)
- b. His healings were _____ and _____. (Mt. 8:3, 13, 15)
- c. His healings were _____ and _____. (Mt. 8:16, 9:3-30, 12:23-24)
- d. His methods normally involved a _____ or a _____. (Mt. 8:15, 9:6-7, 20:34; Mark 10:52)
- e. He healed _____ diseases. (Matt. 12:22, 15:30-31, 21:14)
- f. He _____. (Luke 7:11-16; Mark 5:22-43; John 11)
- g. He healed _____. (Mt. 8:1-4; Luke 17:11-19; John 5:1-9)
- h. He healed at times when people _____ demonstrate _____.
(Mt. 8:14, 9:32, 12:13, 22; John 11:32-44; Luke 8:54-55)

B. The HEALING MINISTRY of the APOSTLES

1. God gave the apostles ability to heal, so they could _____ them as Jesus Christ's apostles and to authenticate the _____ they preached. (Mark 16:15-17; Acts 2:42-43; Romans 15:18-19; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:4)
 2. The Apostles' methods of healing were very _____ to that of the Lord Jesus'. (Acts 9:32-35, 28:8)
- * If there are no apostles today, and the Word of God is complete, would this gift of healing still be necessary today?

II. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOD'S GRACIOUS HEALING AND THE GIFT OF HEALING?

A. Consider the MIRACULOUS GIFT OF HEALING

1. The gift of healing was the supernatural ability to _____ physically heal another person. (1 Cor. 12:9, 30)
2. Acts 5:12-16

* Why are faith healers not emptying all the hospitals with their powers?

B. Consider the APOSTOLIC DECLINE OF HEALING

1. In AD 60, Paul was _____ with sickness. (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
2. In AD 64, Epaphroditus was _____. (Phil. 2:25-30)
3. In AD 65, Timothy was _____. (1 Tim. 5:23)
4. In AD 66, Paul left Trophimus _____ at Miletus. (2 Tim. 4:20)

C. Consider the SOURCES of MODERN HEALINGS

1. GOD-
2. MEN-
3. SATAN AND DEMONS-

