

V. The Holy Spirit and the healing of the believer (physical deliverance)

A. Nature of the discussion

1. The ministry of the Lord Jesus in this aspect of His work:
 - a. Prophetically: Isaiah 53:4
 - b. Historically: Matthew 8:17
2. The ministry (signs) of the Apostles
 - a. Acts 3:1-6
 - b. 2 Corinthians 12:12
 - c. Hebrews 2:3-4
3. The gifts of the Spirit
 - a. The manner of expression (previously discussed)
 - b. The gift of healing (only in Corinthian list). We usually mean the healing of the physical body in this connexion but you will note three levels of healing in the New Testament:
 - (1) The healing of sin....1 Peter 2:24
 - (2) The healing of spiritual failure....Hebrews 12:13
 - (3) The healing of the body...1 Cor. 12:30 etc.
 - c. Evidence of the use of this gift in the apostolic church.
4. The desires of believers:
 - a. Natural feelings for the condition of the flesh.
 - b. Example of Psalm 78.
 - c. A problem in recognition of the divine will and the betterment of self. (some biblical examples)
5. Some faulty assumptions:
 - a. A complete physical healing available in the atonement...or worse yet, mandatory in the atonement.
 - b. The ministry of the Spirit of God one of health.
 - c. Weaknesses of the flesh to be despised by the spiritual man
 - d. When freed from the spiritual penalty of sin we should be freed from the physical limitations the conditions of fallen man has brought to us.
6. But a positive assertion that:
 - a. There is no limit on God's power to heal or help.
 - b. Believers should have no qualms about asking for his will
 - c. Believers should have no reluctance to expect his blessing.