

# Sermon Notes

## For This Reason - 1Cor 11:30

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#### I. Introduction

- a. money is *least area* of faith... faith and trust with money comes before faith and trust in bigger things... one of those bigger things is sickness... God doesn't want you sick... Luke 16:10-13... "whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much... if you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with what is genuine..." Exo 15:26... "I will not inflict any illness on you... I am the Lord who heals..." Jer 33:6... "yes, I will certainly bring health and healing and will indeed heal them..." Jam 1:13... "God never *tests your faith* by doing something *injurious, troublesome, destructive...*" 3John 2... "I wish above all things... that you prosper and be in *good health...*"
- b. Jesus has defeated sin, sickness, disease and death... battle is already won... not praying for victory... praying from victory... so, how can we be victorious over sickness... pray... Isa 53:3-5... "He Himself bore our sicknesses... carried our pains... punishment for our *completeness, soundness in body, health* was on Him... we are healed by His wounds..." 1Pet 2:24... "He bore our sins in His body... by His wounds you have been healed..."

Communion is God's delivery system for health and wholeness. Pastor Joseph Prince

#### II. For This Reason

- a. biblically... the reason people get sick is probably not what you think... 1Cor 11:30... "for this reason many are weak and sick... and many have fallen asleep..." dia houtos... *ground or reason by which something is done; because of; on account of; therefore...*
- b. lack of knowledge and unbelief keep us from abundant life... choose etp or bible... Psa 91:16... "I will satisfy him with long life... show him *health, welfare, deliverance...*" Hos 4:6... "people are destroyed by a lack of knowledge... rejected knowledge..." Mark 8:27-30... "but you, who do you say I am..." Eph 4:18... "understanding darkened... excluded from life... by ignorance, hard heart..." Heb 11... "some by faith conquered... others, not accepting deliverance so they might gain a better resurrection... afflicted, tormented... all approved by faith, but did not receive what was promised..."
- c. sometimes healing is immediate... sometimes a process... more harvests than miracles... Mark 4:13-20... "good ground hears word... welcomes it... produces 30, 60, 100-fold..." Mark 11:20-24... "says... does not doubt... believes what he says... it will be done..."
- d. faith is critical for healing... increases when you hear about Jesus... when you experience symptoms... keep hearing... be thankful... stand on His promises... speak life, not death... Prov 18:21... "words kill, words give life... either poison or fruit... you choose..." Matt 9:22... "your faith has made you well..." Mark 10:52... "go your way... your faith has made you well..." Luke 17:19... "arise... your faith has made you well..." Rom 1:16... "gospel... the power to save one suffering from disease; make well, heal, restore..." Rom 10:14-17... "faith comes by hearing... hearing the Good News about Christ..." 2Cor 4:8-18... "though suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so the life of Jesus may be seen in our bodies... same kind of faith, *I believed, therefore I spoke...* never give up... don't look at troubles we now see... fix your gaze on the things that cannot be seen..."

- e. if sickness is knocking at door... don't depend on emotions or feelings... look to Word... Psa 41:3... "the Lord nurses them when they are sick... restores them to health..." Prov 4:20-23... "pay attention to My words... life to those who find them... health to whole body..." Prov 17:22... "a cheerful heart is good medicine..." Isa 57:18-19... "I have seen his ways, but I will heal him... I will restore..." Jer 30:7... "I will restore you to health and heal your wounds..." Matt 10:1-8... "gave authority to heal every sickness... *heal the sick, raise the dead...*" Acts 3... "why are you amazed... healed not by our power or godliness... but by faith in Jesus..."
- f. salvation and healing both come by grace thru faith... believing and trusting Jesus... Acts 15:11... "we believe we are saved thru the grace of our Lord Jesus..." Eph 2:8-10... "by grace you have been saved thru faith... gift of God... not from works..." 2Tim 1:9... "He has saved us... not by works... but according to grace given in Christ..." sozo... *keep safe, rescue from danger; save a suffering one from disease; make well, heal, restore...*
- g. salvation is in the past tense... Jesus already did everything for you to be saved... healing is part of salvation... you have been healed... done deal... it's your inheritance... it's been completely paid for... how do we get it to *manifest*... be recognized, seen, known... Isa 53:3-5... "we are healed by His wounds..." John 19:30... "it is finished..." Rom 8:17-32... "if children, then heirs... set free, saved... freely give us all things..." Eph 2:5... "by grace... you have been *delivered from disease, made well, healed...*" 1Pet 2:24... "by His wounds you have been healed..."
- h. Praying in the Spirit  
don't always know how to pray for our health... don't always know what we need... tongues are perfect prayers... help us when we're weak... science confirms it... Isa 28:12 (1Cor 14)... "here is a place of rest... let weary rest here... place of quiet rest..." Rom 8:26... "Spirit helps in our weakness... we do not know what to pray... HS intercedes for us..." astheneia... *infirmity of body; frailty; feebleness of health or sickness; trials and troubles...* 1Cor 14... "speak in tongues to... strengthen, encourage, comfort... restore, repair..."
- i. Receive Communion  
no biblical restrictions on how often you can take communion... take meds 3 times a day... take communion 3 times a day... not as a ritual, but revelation... proclaiming to yourself and spiritual forces of evil... that the benefits of Christ's death are yours... Psa 103:1-3... "do not forget His benefits... forgives all sins... heals all diseases..." Acts 2:46... "every day... worshipped together... met in homes for the Lord's supper..." 1Cor 11:26... "as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup... proclaim Lord's death..." Eph 6:12... "struggle is not against flesh and blood... but against evil, spiritual forces..."
- j. *for this reason many are sick*... what's the reason... failure to discern body and blood... bread for healing, cup for forgiveness... recognize Jesus' body was broken so yours could be made whole... recognize His blood was shed for your complete forgiveness... 1Cor 11:29-34... "whoever eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself... **for this reason many are sick and ill among you... fallen asleep...**" diakrino... *to separate, make a distinction; to determine, decide...*
- k. two more things... the manner you take is unworthy, not you are unworthy... as you take it, examine yourself to decide whether you know bread is to heal, cup to forgive... the more messages you hear about the finished work of Christ... more you know sickness and sin has been defeated at the cross... more you will experience health and healing... pray... 1Cor 3-4... "HS inside you... you are holy... I do not examine myself... the Lord examines me..." 1Cor 11:27-29... "whoever eats or drinks in an unworthy manner... examine yourself..."