

"A Biblical Overview of Healing"

Luke 4:31-44

- Issue 1: **We are drunk on the value of us.**
 - We feel entitled to healing and we feel entitled to our family and friends never dying. We feel as if God owes us comfort and ease and owes us that promotion, that new job, that raise, that house, or that new car (Philippians 2:3-5).
- Issue 2: **The "injustice" of suffering and hardship.**
 - As we examine what is going on in the world, it seems as if the world and those that live for themselves get what they want or have it easy in this life, while the righteous suffer (Psalm 73:1-28).
- What has God promised in this life?
 - *"(We are) heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **provided we suffer with Him in order that we also may be glorified with Him.**" (Romans 8:17)*
 - *"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this **light momentary affliction** is preparing for us **an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.**" (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)*
 - *"Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:8-9; cf. 1 Peter 4:12-19).*
- What was Jesus' **ultimate purpose** in healing while He was on the earth? **His Glory!**
 - Luke 4:38-41
 - Matthew 9:1-7
 - Christ's authority to forgive sins was attached to His ability to heal the physical consequence of sin.
 - John 9:1-3,35-39
 - Jesus healed this man, that the works of God to deal with every aspect of sin, would be seen in him, ultimately leading to his salvation.
 - John 11:4, 21-27
 - Jesus showed that He had power over spiritual and physical death. He is the resurrection and the life or the source of resurrection and life.
 - John 20:30-31
 - These things are written, not because things like this will keep happening, but because, by faith we would believe that Christ is the means of all things being reconciled with God, including ourselves.
- Christ will ultimately remove every effect of sin in the New Heaven and New Earth for **His glory!**
 - "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for **the former things** have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)
 - Romans 8:18-25
 - As Christians, suffering is a normal expectation.
 - Suffering is a result of creation being affected by sin.
 - When our physical bodies are redeemed, the Creation will begin to be redeemed.
 - Our hope is the redemption of all things that we can enjoy the Creation in the way that God created it to be enjoyed for the glory of His grace.
 - We patiently wait in hope, not because of what we see, but because of what we believe.

Worship: Rock of Ages — The Modern Post
In Tenderness — The Sing Team

What a Friend We Have in Jesus — Various Artists

Closing Song: Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 6:30p & 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy lunch and the fellowship with us!

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism Service will be NEXT Sunday, January 21st. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the board in the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats.