

## ***Divine Healing & Deliverance***



### **434) How are salvation, healing, and deliverance related?**

- A. The definitions of the three words are interrelated. To "save" means to "recuse" or "deliver." To "heal" means to "restore" or "make whole." To "deliver" means to "set free."
- B. In many instances, the three words can be used interchangeably. The image that each word brings to mind, although different, has a similar connotation.
  - 1. When a person is unsaved and lost in their sin, we can say:
    - a. They need to be **saved**.
    - b. They need **healing** for their sin-sick soul.
    - c. They need to be **delivered** from the power of sin and the lies of the devil.
  - 2. When a person wins a battle with fear, we can say:
    - a. They are **saved** from a life of fear.
    - b. Their mind has been **healed** of fearful thinking.
    - c. They have been **delivered** from a tormenting spirit of fear.
  - 3. When a person diagnosed with cancer defeats the disease, we can say:
    - a. They have been **saved** from the ravages of cancer.
    - b. Their body has been **healed** of cancer.
    - c. They have been **delivered** from the curse of cancer.
- C. God saves, heals and delivers!

"Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."

JER 17:14 NIV

"O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; **save and deliver me** from all who pursue me,"  
PSA 7:1 NIV

"He sent his word, and **healed them, and delivered them** from their destructions."  
PSA 107:20 KJV

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath **sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the**

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captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"  
LUKE 4:18 KJV

### 435) What is divine healing?

- A. When God created the human body, He designed it to heal (self-repair) cuts, scrapes and broken bones and to fight off infection and disease. This is called natural healing. Doctors enhance the natural healing process by working with the body's God-given healing abilities. They prescribe drugs, therapy or perform surgery to assist the body in recovering from illness or trauma.
- B. Divine healing is when God supernaturally heals us. "Super" means "above" or "beyond." When God goes beyond natural healing, speeds our recover, suddenly removes our pain, recreates a missing limb, or delivers us from a "fatal" or "incurable" disease, we experience divine healing.
- C. Clearly, all healing, whether natural or divine, whether brought about by prayer or a doctors care is all from the hand of God and part of God's plan.

"He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

EXO 15:26 NIV

### 436) What is the difference between a miracle and a healing?

- A. A miracle of healing happens instantaneously. Most often, when we ask God for healing, we desire a miracle.
- B. A healing also restores us to health, but it takes place over time. The healing might take place over a period of minutes, hours, days, or months. The time period is up to God.

"Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed."

LUKE 8:47 NIV

"They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. [23] He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" [24] He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." [25] Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly."

MARK 8:22-25 NIV

### 437) Does God still heal today?

- A. Yes! We do not have to wait until we get to heaven to receive a healing touch in our body. God is able and willing to heal us today.
- B. Healing was a major component of Jesus' earthly ministry. He empowered the disciples to do likewise and gave gifts of healing to the church when he left the earth.

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- C. Since God never changes, and God has promised and demonstrated healing throughout both the Old and New Testaments, we know that God is still willing and able to heal us today.

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."

MATT 4:23 NIV

"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."

ISA 53:5 NIV

"And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues."

1COR 12:28 NIV

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

HEB 13:8 NIV

"I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered."

PSA 89:34 NIV

### 438) Does God only heal our bodies?

- A. No. God's healing is available for the whole man. God will heal our bodies but he doesn't stop there.
- B. The greatest healing is when God heals our spirit man. When our spirit man is healed, we experience new life. Once we were dead in sin but God made us alive in Jesus Christ.
1. There are other times when our spirit is crushed through heartache or sorrow and God heal our broken heart.
- C. God can also heal our minds. Sanctification and the renewing of the mind is part of that healing. He can also heal painful memories and emotional trauma. We don't need to go through life victimized by the pains we experienced in our past.

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

PSA 34:18 NIV

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."

ROM 12:2 NIV

### 439) Why do some teach that healing is not for today?

- A. Few people question whether God is able to heal. Anyone who reads the scriptures knows of God's healing power. It is also rare to find someone who doesn't believe that God continues to heal the broken hearted. The question they wrestle with is, "Does God still heal our bodies today?"

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- B. Unfortunately, certain people have concluded that God no longer heals, based not on the Word of God, but on their experience. Although they read about God's healing power, they have never seen it manifested in their family or in their church. As a result, they mistakenly conclude God no longer heals. In the face of overwhelming scriptural evidence supporting healing, they then develop a theological stand to explain and defend the lack of healing in their church and in their lives.
- C. It is the church's lack of faith that has allowed healing to disappear from so many congregations. Those who grew up in those churches have never seen healing and they develop a skeptical attitude. When a pastor they trust explains why God doesn't heal today, they accept it as a fact. Consequently, they never exercise faith for healing.

**"having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them."**  
2TIM 3:5 NIV

"While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples [2] and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

ACT 19:1-2 NIV

### 440) Where does sickness come from?

- A. The sin of Adam
  - 1. Prior to the sin of Adam, there was no sin or sickness in the world. When Adam sinned, he opened the world to all manner of sickness.
  - 2. When we become ill, it is often a result of Adam's original sin that changed the entire spiritual make-up of the world.
  - 3. We become ill because of the frailties of our human body and as a result of living in a disease infested world. This includes birth defects and damaged genes that are passed on to us from our parents.
- B. Accidents and injury
  - 1. We can become disabled by a fall, traffic accident, or other injury and suffer illness as a result.
- C. Environmental causes
  - 1. We can become ill because of the condition of our home, neighborhood or work place. Radiation, industrial chemicals, and even contamination to the food and water supply can weaken and/or sicken us.
- D. Personal sin and foolish choices
  - 1. You can become ill as a result of personal sin committed against God or His body (the church). We can pay a physical price for the sins of fear (stress, anxiety), unforgiveness, and bitterness, to name just a few.
  - 2. Many of us have not been good stewards of our body thereby dishonoring God's marvelous creation. We have eaten the wrong foods (or too much of the right foods) or dishonored it with tobacco, alcohol or immoral living. As a result of this misuse, we have become ill or injured parts of our body.
- E. Demonic spirits
  - 1. Spirits of infirmity can attach themselves to our body and promote an ongoing illness.

"Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

JOHN 5:14 NIV

"and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all."

LUKE 13:11 NIV

"When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." [26] The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead."

MARK 9:25-26 NIV

#### **441) Can I ask God to heal me if I am responsible for my condition?**

- A. Yes! Some people feel that since their illness resulted from their own sinful actions, it is punishment from God, something they must endure. Alternately, they might feel that because they sinned, God would refuse to heal them. Others feel that God allowed the sickness to test their character and by enduring the suffering for "Christ sake" they will grow in righteousness.
- B. If that is how God operated, none of us would ever receive forgiveness for our sins, nor experience salvation. Righteousness doesn't come from works (enduring suffering). Our righteousness comes from the finished work Christ did on the cross!
- C. Remember, when Christ died on the cross, He took ALL our sins upon Him. He bore the shame and punishment for our sins. Jesus paid the entire price for our sin. We need not pay the debt twice.

"Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. [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."

ISA 53:4-5 NIV

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. [7] Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. [8] But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! [10] For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"

ROMANS 5:6-10 NIV

"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2CHRON 7:14 NIV

#### 442) Is healing always God's will?

- A. Yes. Not only has God designed our bodies with the capacity to heal, He has also invited us to become members of the New Covenant, the fulfillment of every covenant that God has ever made with man.
- B. Healing is part of the New Covenant. As God's covenant children, we become partakers of the New Covenant benefit of divine healing.
- C. In rare cases, God has punished rebellious sin with disease. Moses' sister Miriam, King Uzziah, and Elisha's servant Gehazi were all cursed with Leprosy as a result of their sin.
  - 1. Even if sickness was imposed as punishment for sin, healing is still available to us if we will repent of our sin and turn from our wickedness.

"Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. [22] A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." [23] Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." [24] He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." [25] The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. [26] He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." [27] "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." [28] Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour."

MATT 15:21-28 NIV

"On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, [11] and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. [12] When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' [13] Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. [14] Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.' [15] The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?' [16] Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" [17] When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing."

LUKE 13:10-17 NIV

"These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. [6] Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel (God's covenant people). [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."

MATT 10:5-8 NIV

"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."

JAMES 5:14-15 NIV

**443) Why does God heal our bodies?**

- A. Because of His great love for us.
- B. For His glory.
  - 1. When God heals, He manifests (makes known) His power over sin and sickness. For example, when God heals cancer, that demonstration of power shouts that the name of God is greater than the name **CANCER**, a name so many fear.
- C. So we can better serve God.
  - 1. Weak, sickly saints aren't as effective in God's harvest field as strong healthy ones. God's intentions for healing us go far beyond making us feel good.

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

MATT 14:14 NIV

"So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." [4] When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

JOHN 11:3-4 NIV

"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3] "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."

JOHN 9:1-3 NIV

**444) What are some of the methods God uses to heal?**

- A. Anointing with oil

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JAMES 5:14-15 NIV

- B. Prayer

"Go back and tell Hezekiah, the leader of my people, "This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD."

2KINGS 20:5 NIV

- C. Laying on of Hands

"His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him."

ACTS 28:8 NIV

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### D. Faith in God's Word

"He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave."

PSA 107:20 NIV

"The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But **just say the word, and my servant will be healed.**"

MATT 8:8 NIV

### E. Through the gift of healing

"to another faith by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing by that one Spirit,**"

1COR 12:9 NIV

### F. Anointed cloths

"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, [12] so that **even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.**"

ACT 19:11-12 NIV

### G. During communion

1. Because of the life giving presence of God in the communion service, healing can flow in our bodies.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. **If anyone eats of this bread, he will live** forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51 NIV

## 445) What must be present in all methods of healing?

- A. Faith. God always responds to faith. Without faith no healing will take place.
- B. The required faith can be expressed by the person who desires the healing or by the person(s) doing the praying. It is always most effective if both those who pray and those who desire prayer unite their hearts in faith.

"And **without faith it is impossible to please God,** because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

HEB 11:6 NIV

"Again, I tell you that **if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you** by my Father in heaven. [20] For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

MATT 18:19-20 NIV

## 446) Why do some who are prayed for not receive their healing?

- A. Lack of faith, unbelief
  1. The greatest impediment to any work of God, from salvation to healing, is lack of faith. God always responds to faith and is frustrated by the lack of it. Many people want to be healed, but aren't willing to risk believing God to see it happen.



B. Personal sin

1. If you are in open rebellion towards God, refuse to give up a "secret" sin, or hold onto unforgiveness by refusing to forgive those who hurt you, your sin can stay the hand of God. Once we cleanse our heart, we open the way for God to move.
2. If there is sin blocking your healing, God will be faithful to you and bring this sin to your attention either through the ministry that prays for you or in your own private time with God. If you repent, the blockage is removed, opening the way for God to move. If you stubbornly refuse to obey God, your illness will continue to linger.
  - a. If you inquire of the Lord, and He doesn't highlight a sin standing in the way of your healing, don't automatically assume it is due to some yet unknown "hidden" sin in your life. It could be one of God's sovereign delays.

C. Sovereign delay

1. Sometimes there is a delay in receiving healing. These delays can exist for reasons known only to God. He is in control of all things, but he does not always explain everything to us.
2. There might be a delay due to a contesting in the heavenly realm. The delay might exist because your healing is only one element of God's will for a complex situation. God might be using the delay to draw your attention to issues of great concern to Him that you have been neglecting.
  - a. Often God can speak to us when we are ill, because we have finally slowed down long enough to listen.
3. Often a delay is mistakenly interpreted as a denial and the person gives up hope. They feel, for some unknown reason, they are a special case and God refuses to heal them. During times of delay, don't despair. Press into God. Let your faith build and not erode.

"And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."

MATT 13:58 NIV

"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7] That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does."

JAMES 1:6-8 NIV

"but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. [15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

JAMES 1:14-15 NIV

- a. Note: Sickness is just one effect the process of "death" has on our physical body.

"Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. [13] But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,

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because I was detained there with the king of Persia."

DAN 10:12-13 NIV

### 447) What should our attitude be if our healing is delayed?

- A. Pray until! Since we don't understand all that is going on in the heavenly realm, we need to continue to exercise our faith and continue to bring our petitions before the Lord.

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

LUKE 18:1 NIV

"Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." [44] The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" [45] Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel."

1KINGS 18:43-45 NIV

### 448) How can I forgive a person that hurt or deeply offended me?

- A. How can you afford not to? God will not forgive your sin unless you forgive others. (That is an extremely high price to pay to seek your own revenge.)
1. You can see this principle reflected in the life of a bitter person. The older they grow, the harder they are to live with. By hanging on to their hurt, they insure their misery.
- B. Forgiveness is not a feeling, it is a choice to obey God. You can forgive a person by determining to do so. If you struggle in making the choice, you can ask God to strengthen you.
- C. Forgiveness does not release people from their sin. It releases God to seek justice in the situation. As long as you insist on holding on to your offense, God is unable to bring justice on your behalf. It also frees you from the burden of unforgiveness and returns you to right standing with the Lord.

"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord."

ROM 12:19 NIV

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' [14] For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [15] But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

MATT 6:12-15 NIV

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse."

ROM 12:14 NIV

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.' [33] Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' [34] In anger his master turned him over to the

jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. [35] "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."  
MATT 18:32-35 NIV

#### 449) What is deliverance?

- A. The word "deliver" means to "set free." Deliverance is when we are set free from any aspect of demonic attack or control in our lives.
1. To be delivered from the kingdom of darkness is another way to say you are "born again."
  2. To be delivered from demonic possession is to be freed from the devil's ownership.
  3. To be delivered from torment would mean that the torment would cease.
  4. To be delivered from evil would be to stand firm, resisting temptation, in the face of an attack.

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,"

COL 1:13 NIV

"When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid."

MARK 5:15 NIV

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

1JOHN 4:18 NIV

"if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment."

2PETER 2:9 NIV

#### 450) What is a stronghold?

- A. A stronghold is any area in which the enemy has established and maintains a strong, controlling influence in your life. It is an area that no matter how hard you try, you fall back into the same ungodly thinking or sinful behavior.
- B. There can be strongholds of sexual sin, fear, unbelief, occult practices, anger, alcohol and drug addiction, lying, and gossip to name a few.

#### 451) How can you identify a stronghold of Satan in your life?

- A. When you have a continuing problem with a sin or an ungodly thought pattern that you can't break, you are dealing with a stronghold.
- B. When you are struggling with an influence that is stronger than your personality (you're not able to stop or control it with "will power") you are dealing with the influence of a spirit, a stronghold.

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. [5] We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to

make it obedient to Christ."

2COR 10:4-5 NIV

#### 452) How can you experience deliverance in your life?

- A. Deliverance is a two part process. There must be prayer for deliverance that is accompanied by a change of heart.
  - 1. The prayer of deliverance.
    - a. Jesus has granted us power over the enemy. That power can be used through the prayer of faith to break the enemies grip in a person's life.
    - b. Sometimes it is necessary to link the prayer to fasting to break the bondage.
    - c. If the person has been a willing or unwilling participant in occult practices, they must renounce all such activity, thereby removing the permission and authority they once granted Satan to operate in their lives.
  - 2. Change of heart.
    - a. Without a change of heart in the person who was bound, there will be no deliverance. Any change of heart requires a change of behavior, not just an intellectual acknowledgment. If there is no change of behavior, there has been no change of heart.

"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ... [9] Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' ... [17] The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." ... [19] I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. [20] However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

LUKE 10:1, 9, 17, 19-20 NIV

"And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? [29] And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

MARK 9:28-29 KJV

#### 453) Why is a change in heart so necessary?

- A. Strongholds are formed when we open the door to Satan's influence through our sin. Once Satan gets a foothold, he forms a stronghold in our life. It is only after we abandon our sin and/or unspiritual (carnal) thinking that we can maintain our freedom in Christ.
- B. Stopping the sinful behavior is not enough. We have to establish God's lordship in that area of our life. We must have a change of heart. If we fail to surrender that part of our life to God, Satan will show up again, ready to move back in.
  - 1. This is why Christians fail repeatedly in the same area in spite of fervent prayer. Not even fasting can take the place of repentance.

"but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. [15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown,

gives birth to death."

JAMES 1:14-15 NIV

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. [44] Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. [45] Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

MATT 12:43-45 NIV

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### Homework for Chapter 29

**Please answer the following questions from the textbook in full sentences and return to your Group Leaders next week.**

- 1) State how salvation, healing, and deliverance are related.

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- 2) Explain the difference between a miracle and a healing.

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- 3) Explain why God heals our bodies and our souls.

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- 4) List three reasons why not all who are prayed for receive their healing.

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- 5) Explain how you can identify a stronghold of Satan in your life.

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- 6) Explain how deliverance can be experienced in your life.

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