

Part of His Atonement

Lesson 2 – Outline

- I. If the body of Christ was fully presenting the Gospel—the whole counsel of God—we’d be making a much greater impact on the world today.
 - A. God not only wants to forgive us of our sins; He also loves us dearly and desires to heal our bodies, bless us financially, and deliver us from discouragement and depression.
 - B. Think about that!
- II. One of the main reasons the modern-day church has been rendered so ineffective and irrelevant in many people’s eyes is that it has only preached that God is for the life hereafter.
 - A. It’s made having a relationship with the Lord a heaven-and-hell issue, and it hasn’t preached that He loves us right now.
 - B. It has preached, “Just get your sins forgiven so you won’t go to hell.”
 - C. However, if the church were to represent the Lord more accurately by saying “God will heal you and keep you healthy. He’ll deliver you from the depression, despair, and strife that you find yourself in. God will prosper you in a way that you could never accomplish just through your own effort,” if we presented that God is not only for the forgiveness of sins but for all these other areas, too, then people would see that He is truly relevant to their daily lives.
- III. We need to speak the truth of the whole counsel of God.
 - A. Although healing shouldn’t be elevated above forgiveness of sins, neither should it be diminished below it.
 - B. Jesus provided healing for us at the same time as He provided forgiveness for our sins.
 - C. Healing isn’t just an “add-on” or an “added benefit” that only happens sometimes; it’s an essential part of what Christ came to do.
 - D. The Lord purchased healing for us just as He purchased forgiveness. It’s all part of His Atonement.

- IV. This truth about healing is not yet widely understood and believed across the body of Christ today, which explains why so few people are walking in it.
 - A. Most Christians think that God could certainly heal if He wanted to, but they don't see that He has already redeemed man from sickness and disease.
 - B. They view healing as something the Lord can do, but they don't know for sure that it is His will.
 - C. Healing is a done deal and is available to you now, exactly the same as forgiveness of sins.

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Lesson 2 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to the opening paragraphs of **Lesson 2**, what is there between the people who say that God exists and those who enjoy a vibrant relationship with Him?
2. What is one of the most obvious factors for why people, who know God exists, don't go on to obtain an intimate relationship with Him?
 - A. They're too busy.
 - B. They'd rather watch "As the Stomach Turns" on television.
 - C. The church has presented having a relationship with God as a heaven-and-hell issue.
 - D. They're not sure it's God's will.
 - E. All of the above.
3. According to the section titled "Truly Relevant," why aren't unsaved people concerned with a hell in the afterlife?
4. What haven't they heard or seen?
5. What kind of signal is sent both to unbelievers and Christians when misled preachers say things like, "God doesn't care about the healing of your body" or "He's putting sickness on you to teach you a lesson"?
6. In the section titled "Not Just an 'Add-on,'" when my dad died, what did the church tell me?
7. What kind of representation of God is this?
8. What does this do to people?
9. According the section titled, "A Done Deal," most Christians view healing as something the Lord can do, but they don't know for sure _____.
10. What blessing has the Lord already purchased?

