

Outline

- I. If you need to be healed, you don't have to pray and ask God to heal you; what you need to do is learn how to receive the healing that has already been provided.
 - A. To think that you need to go and get God to do something that He hasn't yet done has an element of doubt in it, because you don't know whether He will act on your behalf or not.
 - B. If He's already provided it by grace (and in Christ, He has), then you just need to believe and receive it by faith.
 - C. Some people say, "Oh, I believe God's going to heal me," but actually, it's unbelief.
 - D. According to 1 Peter 2:24, it's not in the future that you're going to be healed; it's in the past that you *were* healed.

- II. It's much easier to release something that you've already got than it is to go get something that you don't yet have.
 - A. This is a major shift of mindset!
 - B. You're looking at how to *receive* God's best—not how to *convince* God to give you His best.
 - C. Consider how the Apostle Paul prayed:

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

Ephesians 1:15-17

- D. The Holy Spirit inspired him to pray, "God, open up their eyes to what You've already done."
- E. Most Christians believe God *can do* anything but that He *has done* nothing.
- F. They think that if they do everything just right, God might move.

- III. God anticipated every problem that we or anybody else in the entire human race would ever have.
- A. Through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, He dealt with every problem that could ever happen—past, present, and future.
 - B. Now it's up to us to receive what He's done by putting faith in what is already provided, not in what God "can" do.
 - C. Holy Spirit, please grant us revelation knowledge concerning the truths in this lesson.
- IV. Ephesians 1:18 says,
- The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling.*
- A. It's not about our calling; it's Jesus's calling.
 - B. Jesus has already been called, and He's already provided everything.
 - C. He paid the price for everything on the cross, and He has the favor of God now.
 - D. As born-again believers, we have favor with God because of what Jesus did, not because of what we do.
 - E. It's about His calling, His anointing, His power, and His blessing that's on our lives.
- V. Paul was praying that our eyes would be opened to understand and see "*what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints*" (Eph. 1:18).
- A. It would bankrupt heaven to have to replace what we already have on the inside of us right now.
 - B. The glory of God is in us!
 - C. Some people want to see a "glory cloud."
 - D. We need to look on the inside!

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- E. If we can't see it, it's because we're walking by sight and not by faith (2 Cor. 5:7).
 - F. We have been called "*to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (2 Thess. 2:14).
 - G. In heaven, we'll get bodies that will reflect His glory, but right now, we have the glory of God on the inside of us.
- VI. Paul prayed that we would see the exceeding greatness of His power "*to us-ward who believe*" (Eph. 1:19)—the same power God used when He raised Christ from the dead.
- A. Yet most of us as Christians think we have to beg God and somehow get Him to release His power.
 - B. We may believe that, somehow or another, all the glory and blessings of God are reserved for heaven, and in this life, we just have to hang on and struggle through.
 - C. Many of us believe that we have to be sick, poor, and up and down like a yo-yo.
 - D. John the Baptist, referring to Isaiah's prophecy, declared that "*every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth*" (Luke 3:5, see also Is. 40:4).
 - E. This means that there should be increasingly smooth sailing.
- VII. You ought to be consistent.
- A. The number one way that people describe me when they are introducing me is to say, "He's exactly the same as he is on television."
 - B. You shouldn't be one person in front of an audience and another when you're not.
 - C. If you're normally a really quiet person and then you just explode and become this other person when you get behind a pulpit, it could be because you're a hypocrite and religious.
 - D. You should be the same all the time, because if you're walking with Jesus, He's "*the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever*" (Heb. 13:8).

- E. If you're up sometimes and down other times, it's because sometimes you're trusting in Jesus, and other times you're walking in your own flesh.
- F. You ought to be supernaturally natural.
- G. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is in you at all times (Eph. 1:19-20); it never fluctuates.

VIII. We need to find out who we are and what we have in Christ.

- A. Many of us as Christians don't live as if we have on the inside of us the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, because we can't feel it.
- B. Looking in the mirror, it doesn't appear like we have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.
- C. And since we can't feel anything, we don't believe that God has done anything.
- D. It's not up to God whether or not we walk in it; it's up to us.

IX. You could stand the average Christian up next to an unbeliever and find that they have the same fears, the same financial problems, and the same struggles.

- A. They act just like people who don't know God, who don't have a covenant that says, "*My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 4:19).
- B. Do you have the same fears as someone who doesn't know God?
- C. If so, something is wrong with this picture.
- D. You're alive, and they're dead (spiritually).
- E. It's not because God hasn't given; it's because you don't know what you have.

X. If God could be confused, He would be.

- A. Imagine if He looked over at Jesus and said, "Didn't You tell them that by Your stripes they were healed (1 Pet. 2:24)? Why are they asking Me to heal them? Didn't You tell them they're blessed with all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3), that

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You became poor so that through Your poverty they could be made rich (2 Cor. 8:9)? Didn't You tell them that I would supply all of their needs according to My riches in glory—not according to the economy of their country (Phil. 4:19)? Didn't You tell them that? Why are they panicking because it's the 'Great Recession'? Why are they anxious, fearful, and worried?"

- B. It's because we don't believe that God has already done it.
- C. We're thinking that it's up to God to give and not up to us to receive.

XI. It's our receivers that are messed up, not God's transmitter!

- A. If we were watching television and all of a sudden the set turned off, the first thing we'd probably do is look to see if someone unplugged it.
- B. Then we'd troubleshoot and see if something was wrong with the set.
- C. We wouldn't just get up and call the television station, asking, "Why did you quit broadcasting?"
- D. If we pray and don't receive something immediately, we think, *Lord, why didn't You give it?*
- E. It's never God who doesn't give; it's us who quit receiving.
- F. We just need to tune in our receivers and pray, "O Lord, help me to see and understand what You've already done!"

XII. Believing that God has already done His part is 90 percent of the battle; then there are certain things that we must do.

- A. We need to quit doubting God and just believe, praying, "I know You've done it. If I'm not seeing the answer manifest, it's not Your fault. You've already supplied. Thank You, Lord!"
- B. Then we need to start praising God in faith, saying, "I don't know why I can't see it, but I know You're not the problem. I just want to praise You for being so faithful. Even though I'm sick and the doctor says I'm going to die, it's not Your fault. You didn't do this to me. Thank You for being a good God!"
- C. We need to praise and thank Him, and we'll get out of that fear, worry, griping, and complaining.

- D. Let's stop murmuring and doubting God and start praising Him.
- E. Many people receive healing through aggressively acknowledging, by their thanks and praise, what the Lord has already done, and we can too!

ANDREW'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

Notice the terminology used in this scripture: "*who hath* [past tense] *blessed us*" (brackets mine). It's already done. God has already blessed you. By grace, He has already provided everything that you will ever need. This life-changing truth is covered in depth in my teachings entitled *You've Already Got It!* and *Living in the Balance of Grace & Faith*.

Discipleship Questions

1. If you need to be healed, you don't have to _____ and _____ God to heal you; what you need to do is _____ how to _____ the healing that has already been provided.
2. To think that you need to go and get God to do something that He hasn't yet done has an element of _____ in it, because you don't know whether He will act on your behalf or not.
 - A. Expectation
 - B. Doubt
 - C. Comfort
 - D. Power
 - E. Pride
3. True or false: It's in the future that you will be healed, not in the past (1 Pet. 2:24).
4. *Discussion question:* Why do you think it is easier to release something that you've already got than it is to go get something that you don't yet have?

5. You're looking at how to _____ God's best—not how to _____ God to give you His best.
6. Essentially, what did the Holy Spirit inspire Paul to pray (Eph. 1:15-17)?

7. *Discussion question:* In what area of life do you feel like you are waiting on God to do something that He hasn't done?

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8. True or false: If you do everything just right, God might move.
9. God _____ every problem that you or anybody else in the entire human race would ever have.
- A. Planned
 - B. Caused
 - C. Anticipated
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above

10. How did God deal with these problems?

11. By putting faith in what is already provided, what can you do?

12. Whose calling is it (Eph. 1:18)?

13. Since Jesus paid for everything on the cross, what does He have now?

14. As a born-again believer, what do you have now?

- A. The favor of God
- B. The toleration of God
- C. The ire of God
- D. The chagrin of God
- E. The rejection of God

15. It's about His _____, His _____, His _____, and His _____ that's on your life.

16. According Ephesians 1:18, what was Paul praying that your eyes would be opened to understand and see?

17. Whose glory is in you?

18. You can see the glory of God inside you if you're doing what (2 Cor. 5:7)?

- A. Working hard enough
- B. Looking for it
- C. Squinting hard
- D. Walking by faith
- E. Wearing glasses

19. To what have you been called (2 Thess. 2:14)?

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20. *Discussion question:* What do you think about receiving a body in heaven that will reflect God's glory?

21. According to Ephesians 1:19, what was Paul praying?

22. True or false: All of the glory and blessings of God are reserved for heaven.

23. True or false: You don't have to be sick, poor, and up and down like a yo-yo.

24. You should be experiencing increasingly smooth _____ (Luke 3:5 and Is. 40:4).

25. According to Hebrews 13:8, why should you be the same all the time?

26. If you're up sometimes and down other times, why is that?

27. *Discussion question:* How do you plan to be supernaturally natural?

28. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is in you at all times; it _____ fluctuates (Eph. 1:19-20).
- A. Never
 - B. Sometimes
 - C. Always
 - D. Randomly
 - E. Seldom

29. What do you need to find out?

30. Why do many Christians not live as if they have the same power on the inside of them that raised Jesus from the dead?

31. If you're going to walk in what God has done, who is it up to?

- A. God
- B. Your spouse
- C. Your pastor
- D. Your mom
- E. You

32. *Discussion question:* Why do you think the average Christian has the same fears, the same financial problems, and the same struggles as an unbeliever?

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33. According to Philippians 4:19, you have a covenant that says what?

34. What is one major difference between you and someone who doesn't know God?

35. *Discussion question:* Since God has provided all spiritual blessings, what is left to pray for?

36. It's never God who doesn't _____; it's you who quit _____.

37. What do you need to tune in?

38. Believing that God has already done His part is _____ of the battle; then there are certain things that you must do.

- A. 10 percent
- B. 25 percent
- C. 50 percent
- D. 75 percent
- E. 90 percent

39. You need to quit doubting God and just believe, praying what?

40. By praising and thanking Him, you'll get out of what?

Scriptures

1 PETER 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, [21] Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: [22] And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, [23] Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:14

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LUKE 3:5

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth.

ISAIAH 40:4

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.