

DOES GOD WANT US IMMUNE TO SICKNESS

Reference: **Miscellaneous Scripture**

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The positive confession movement is an extremely popular movement in evangelicalism. Positive confession proponents believe that faith is a force and through using positive words these people can manipulate this faith force and actually create what they believe Scripture promises them: most often that means health, riches and material possessions. This idea is also called the _____ movement because it teaches that if Christians use this faith force to confess something that we want from God, then God is obligated to see that we get what we have confessed.

Part of this positive confession doctrine is that God doesn't want us sick. The rationale is this: Jesus Christ was crucified for our sins **and** our sicknesses. Since God wants our souls saved from sin God must also want our bodies healed from sickness and since this is something God wants, it is consistent with His word for us to confess that healing.

The problem is that teaching is based on a false premise and that false premise is that present time healing is both available and even _____ in Christ's atonement on the cross.

Definition: Atonement is _____ - _____ - _____.

Explanation:

There are three basic proof-texts Positive Confession people use in an attempt to reinforce this teaching that healing is guaranteed in the atonement:

ONE... **Isaiah 53:4-6** (see screen)

TWO... **I Peter 2:24** (see screen)

THREE... **Matthew 8:14-17** (see screen)

Notice the two statements: the original statement from Isaiah and then the quotation of that same statement from Matthew.

Isaiah said, "*Surely He (Messiah) has borne our **griefs** and carried our **sorrows**.*"

Matthew said, "*He Himself (Messiah) took our **infirmities** and bore our **sicknesses**.*"

Isaiah used those words as a reference to _____ but Matthew used those same words as a reference to _____.

That means the same prophetic statement from Isaiah has two different applications: one related to sin and one that is related to sicknesses.

Isaiah's original prophetic statement referred to spiritual healing from sins and was fulfilled in Jesus sacrificial death _____.
_____.

Matthew's quotation of Isaiah's original prophetic statement referred to healing from sicknesses and was fulfilled through Jesus healing the sick and diseased _____ going to _____.
_____.

Matthew described how Isaiah's original prophetic statement had also been fulfilled in another sense as Jesus ministered on this earth, _____ people from _____.

Question: Is there healing for our bodies in the atonement?

Answer: Yes, but only in an indirect and by-product sense but complete healing for our bodies **is not guaranteed** until _____.

There are numerous biblical texts that substantiate the position that sometimes God chooses not to heal us.

- Paul had the apostolic gift to heal but he still couldn't heal all those close to him. He was unable to heal three men in particular:
_____ from his stomach problems **I Timothy 5:23**
_____ at Miletus **II Timothy 4:20**
_____ **Philippians 2:25-27**
- Paul suffered from **bodily illnesses** _____
_____.
Reference: **Galatians 4:13-15** and **I Corinthians 12:7-9**
- God permitted _____ to suffer **severe physical problems**.
Reference: **Job 2:7**
- There are numerous verses in Scripture that indicate our bodies are in a _____ of _____.
_____.
Reference: **I Corinthians 15:42-44** and **51-55**
- On at least one occasion, Jesus indicated that someone's sickness could be to for the sole purpose _____.
_____.
Reference: **John 11:1-4**