

A Better Covenant, Based on Better Promises

In order for divine healing, or any other new covenant inheritance that we have in Christ Jesus to benefit us, we have to get our hearts established on God's promises, as well as renew our minds to the Word of God, especially in the area of our inheritance. Our inheritance, the new covenant, is recorded in the New Testament.

Most of us grew up in a Christian religion of some kind, so when we were born-again, many times it was difficult for us to make the transformation from religion, over to the authority of the believer. This is mainly because we were taught all of our lives, directly or indirectly that:

- God could heal, if it was His will;
- whenever you pray for anything, you should always pray, " *Lord, if it be Thy will*";
- sickness is just our cross to bear;
- God doesn't always heal;
- miracles have passed away;
- God is in control of everything;
- what ever will be, will be;
- tongues have ceased;
- it will be worth it all when we get to heaven; and,
- when the Bible talks about healing, it means *spiritual healing*.

All of these statements and many others like them, are ***faith-destroyers***. So it's important that we, as believers, to do whatever it takes to renew our minds to God's Word, until we begin see ourselves as more than conquerors, and ruling and reigning in Christ Jesus in this life; living in victory, divine health, and divine prosperity.

In Deuteronomy 28:15-68, we see that sickness, disease, plagues and poverty came on God's people when they transgressed the law. Some people teach that God permitted the curses to come and some teach God sent them. But, Galatians 3:13, 14, shows us that when Jesus came, He redeemed us from every curse:

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Whether a person believes that God sent the curses or permitted them, the good news is that Jesus redeemed us from the curses. He didn't come to make people sick; He came to redeem mankind from sin, sickness, disease, poverty and spiritual death. According to John 10:10, **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

I want to admonish you to every day read the New Testament, *primarily your epistle letters*, until you get to the place that you are spiritually strong, your mind is renewed to God's Word, and you can richly divide the Word of truth. Some signs that a believer has become strong in the Lord is that they can stand on God's Word for themselves, they can find the place where it is written, they are always walking in victory, and they are ruling and reigning in this life in Christ Jesus.

All of the Bible is the inspired Word of God from Genesis to Revelation. The Old Testament was written to the children of Israel, who were under the old covenant. The New Testament is written to the Body of Christ, who are under the new covenant. The scriptural facts of divine healing are: ***Jesus Himself bore our sicknesses, redeemed us from the curse of the law, and by His stripes we are healed.***

Our Father God paid a high price to see to it that we could have divine healing, as well as all the other redemptive benefits that we have in the new birth. Don't let anybody talk you out of your new covenant benefits and blessings!

I've included some scriptures below that show you the promised benefits of being a child of God. For an inheritance to benefit us, we have to have a knowledge of it, we have to claim it, and finally, we have to stand in faith, believing to receive all of it. Please read these scriptures out loud daily, so that you, too, can live in victory and enjoy all of your new covenant benefits and blessings in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:17

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:31,37

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

1 Corinthians 15:57,58

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 2:14

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

2 Corinthians 5:17,21

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

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.

Ephesians 2:4-8

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith...

Ephesians 4:1,4-7

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Colossians 1:12-14

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Hebrews 13:8

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

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2 Peter 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

I look forward to sharing with you tomorrow.

Your partner in faith,

Brother Rich

Remember, God wishes above things that you prosper and be in health even as it even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).