



Did Christ bear our diseases in His body the same way He bore our sins?

Can we have freedom from sickness in this life, as we have forgiveness of sins?

INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS

QUESTION: Isaiah 53:4-5

1 Scriptures dealing with Christ's atoning work in Leviticus and Hebrews deal only with sin,
not sickness when speaking of the Atoning Work of Christ.

2. The context and language of Isa 53:3-12 addresses sin alone. Vs 5,6,11,12

3. Matt 8:16-17

A confirming ministry - Heb 2:3-4, not an expectation of freedom from sickness (Christ took

away their sin. He did not bear it.)

1Pet 2:24-25 vs 18-25 (sickness is not the focus).

4. From Christ's perspective, His miracles provided Messianic credentials.

From the perspective of the time He was ministering in, they pointed to the resurrection

hope that **WHEN SIN DISAPPEARS, HUMAN BODIES WILL BE FREE OF**

PHYSICAL INFIRMITIES.



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5. Because Christ died at the end of His ministry (accomplished atonement at this time), whatever healing He did prior to His crucifixion was not the result of that crucifixion. A death needed to take place for the New Covenant to be entered into. Heb 9:17

BACKGROUND OF THE "ATONEMENT"

1. Aaron, the brother of Moses, provided the foundation for the concept. Lev 16:3,11
Was it for a sin or a sick offering?
2. The atonement ritual that Moses established and Isaiah referred to, Jesus Christ fulfilled
when He died for sins. 1 Pet 3:18 (not sickness)
Heb 9:11-12; Jn 1:29; 1 Jn 2:2

Both Leviticus and Hebrews demonstrate that in God's mind the Atonement dealt with sin, not sickness. That sin and its penalty might be removed so that believers might stand eternally justified before Him, Who is a Holy God. Heb 10:1-14

NOTE ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE SUBJECT FOUND IN ISAIAH 53

- Verse 10 Rendered Himself a guilt offering
Verse 11 He will bear their iniquities
Verse 12 He Himself bore the sin
Divine Commentary Heb 9:28

Isaiah used the word "heal, make healthful," six times in His Prophetic book. Five times he uses it figuratively of healing from sin.

- Isaiah 6:10
Isaiah 19: 22
Isaiah 30:26
Isaiah 53:5 (makes it all six times)
Isaiah 57:18
Isaiah 57:19

 **Is Physical Healing In The Atonement?** *continued*

OTHER THOUGHTS

1. The present body is corruptible and will continue to be until the resurrection.
1Cor 15:50-58; 2Cor 5:1-4; Rom 8:23-24 (verse 10)

The Gospel immediately becomes good news about the sin problem, but not necessarily so with physical problems.

2. Disease is not sin - but is a Consequence of sin.

Disease carries no penalty which must be atoned for as sin does.

Disease does not interfere with a man's fellowship with God like sin does.

NOTE: Once we recognize that sin and disease belong to different categories, we can

understand that the Atonement will affect them in different ways.

In the case of sin, we can know forgiveness in this present life, but there is

nothing corresponding to this experience of forgiveness in the case of disease.

3. 2Cor5:21 Christ was made sin and NOT sickness.

4. 1Jn 2:12 Christ forgives sin, NOT sickness.

5. Gal 1:3-4 Christ gave Himself for sins, NOT sickness.

6. The Bible teaches that if a person is saved, he cannot lose his salvation (Jn 5:24).

Carry this thought out to its Logical Conclusion.....

If both FORGIVENESS OF SIN AND FREEDOM FROM SICKNESS are the results of the same finished work - WHAT THEN???

IN SHORT: Believers have total assurance of their salvation but no such guarantee concerning the quality of their physical life or health.

7. ALL MUST DIE! Heb 9:27; 1 Cor 15:25-26 (Ultimate consequence of sickness)

8. LOGICALLY: If healing is in the Atonement and if it applies physically today, those who ask by faith for physical healing and do not receive it have no logical right to assurance of their "eternal salvation".

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Said Another Way.....

If trusting in God for our Eternal Life works out like trusting Him for our freedom from sickness - We Are In Trouble!

9. Though perfectly saved spiritually, believers have impaired "spiritual health"; so they will continue to have impaired physical health until sin is no more!

10. IN REALITY: Christ paid the penalty for sin, but He did not remove sin from the life of the believer.

Christ died for the moral cause of sickness but He did not remove sickness from the life experience of believers.

11. The Ethiopian Eunuch - Acts 8:28-39

It appears that both Philip and the Eunuch understood Isaiah 53 to be dealing with sin, not sickness.

12. ANOTHER LOOK at 1Pet 2:21-25 (Outlined)

- a. The FAITH of Salvation vs 24a
- b. The PURPOSE of Salvation vs 24b
- c. The MEANS of Salvation vs 24c
- d. The NEED FOR Salvation vs 25A
- e. The RESULT of Salvation vs 25b

a, b, d, & e all deal with sin. Do you then, think "c" deals with physical healing?

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CONCLUSION

1. Is there healing in the Atonement?

NO

There is healing as a result of the Atonement -

BUT

It is never promised to believers for the present time!

When sin is removed we will receive physical healing in full.

2. **Not one** of those who have believed for forgiveness and cleansing from sin has ever been

denied

BUT

thousands and thousands who have believed for physical healing
HAVE BEEN DENIED.

NOTE: This is not speaking of whether God is able to heal physically,
nor is it speaking of whether God does heal physically today.

It does, however, clearly show that physical healing cannot be claimed
by us and **IS NOT PROMISED TO US** by God on the basis of the
Atoning Work of Christ on the Cross.

