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This is not an attack on any individual who teaches this, but upon the false doctrine that is taught.

1. The Gospels tell us that Jesus healed all that came to him.

- a. He raised three from the dead. You will notice that no faith was manifested by those raised.
 - i. The young daughter of Jairus Mt. 9:18-26
 - ii. Brother of Mary & Martha (Lazarus) John 11:46
 - iii. The widow’s son of Nain Luke 7:11-18
- b. He healed completely, those that had leprosy.
- c. He healed the blind, deaf, dumb, paralyzed, insanity, and fever.

No two cases were alike. He healed some according to their faith. He healed some who made no appeal. He often healed with a touch, without a touch, or with a word. Some came to Him, and sometimes He came to them. Sometimes they touched Him. He made no charge for healing, nor received no money from those He healed. No condition was ever imposed upon those to be healed.

2. The apostles did not heal everyone.

FACT: There is not one scripture regarding Divine healing in the book of Acts, of a single believer being healed; only unbelievers. (Acts 15:12)

- a. Paul prayed three times to be healed, but God did not. (II Cor. 12:1-10) (Infirmity means unhealthiness or disease.)
- b. Timothy had stomach trouble.(I Tim. 5:23)
- c. Epaphroditus was sick unto death, and Paul didn’t heal him. (Phil. 2:26-30) Nor did Paul heal Trophimus in II Tim. 4:20.

3. The command to heal the sick in Matt. 7:7-8, was because they were to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven (1,000 year reign) to the Jews, not to the Gentiles.

4. Explain the phrase, “...by His stripes ye were healed.”

- a. I Peter 2:24 (on the cross)
- b. Matt. 8:17 (before the cross)
- c. Isaiah 53:4 (prophesied what Christ would do before the cross)
- d. Isaiah 53:5 (prophesied what Christ would do on the cross)

5. Is the use of a physician or medicine a sin?

- a. Who did Christ say needs a physician? Mk. 2:17, Mt. 9:12, Luke 5:31
- b. What did the good Samaritan do? Luke 10:33-34
- c. Compare with Isaiah 38:21, Ezek. 47:12, Rev. 22:1-2, Jer. 8:22
- d. Compare with Prov. 3:8, Prov. 17:22
- e. Paul speaks of Luke as the beloved physician. Col. 4:14

6. Where does disease come from?

- a. Satan is the Author of Sin.
- b. God is the author of sickness, disease, and death.
- c. The criminal is the author of the crime.
- d. The government is the author of the punishment

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