

## Methods of Healing

### The Presence of the Holy Spirit

***“Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”*** Luke 5:17

The power of the Lord is the anointing of the Holy Spirit to heal.

#### 1. Laying on of Hands

*“These signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* (Mark 16:17-18)

- a. Healing is part of the gospel, the work of Jesus, for those who will believe (Matthew 8:16-17).
- b. This method of transferring God’s healing power to the sick is for all Christians to practice.
- c. This should be part of our daily Christian witness to the lost and to the believer as well.

#### 2. Agreement in Prayer

*“I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”* (Matthew 18:19-20)

- a. This is wonderful to do with a Christian mate, friend, or partner.
- b. Agreement has to do with forgiveness (vs. 18), lack of strife in fellowship, as well as agreement in faith.

#### 3. Anointing With Oil

*“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”* (James 5:14-15)

- a. This is good to practice in church, a hospital room, nursing home, or when you are sick at home.

- b. The laying on of hands by elders is accompanied with oil. This is a symbol of the anointing of the Holy Spirit on Jesus and those who are praying for the sick.
- c. Anointing with oil is a recognition of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

#### **4. Gifts of Healings**

*“To one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:8-9)*

- a. These gifts usually work in the evangelist’s ministry.
- b. These gifts operate as the Holy Spirit wills and are not as frequent as other methods of healing.

#### **5. Prayer Cloths**

*“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.” (Acts 19:11-12)*

- a. Cloth can hold the healing power of God.
- b. The hem of Jesus’ garment was touched by the woman with the issue of blood. She was healed.
- c. Healing anointing in prayer cloths is released by faith.
- d. People who are not in the service can experience the anointing which was there.

#### **6. Standing on God’s Promises for Yourself**

*“Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” (Mark 11:24)*

- a. God answers prayer with or without others to agree, anoint with oil, or lay hands on you.
- b. This verse includes healing. *“Whatever you ask...”*

#### **Don’t Forget the Holy Spirit**

1. The word cannot heal by itself.
2. Once the word is believed, the Holy Spirit anoints and makes it alive.
3. Are these methods actual methods of faith? NO
4. Why try to find your level of faith, chose a scripture, then pray?
5. Seek the direction of the Holy Spirit to lead you into a method.
6. Part of the Holy Spirit’s job is to lead and guide into all truth.