



Devotional Study Guide Journal

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Healed by His Wounds

1 Peter 2:24

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Some have said that “healed” in the passage above is not about physical divine healing but about the fact that Christ’s death on the cross healed us on sin. The word for healed can mean “to be made whole.” So, it would seem reasonable that when we believe in Jesus, He makes us whole in every way.

Let us look a little closer. In the above verse, Peter is quoting Isaiah.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely He has borne our griefs

And carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed Him stricken,

Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities;

The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,

And by His stripes we are healed.

Delightfully we notice that when Isaiah prophesied on the coming ministry of the Messiah, he looks forward and states, “by His stripes we ARE healed.” He spoke of a future event as already being true.

Peter looks back to the cross and changes the tense. “By whose wounds you WERE healed.” Could it be that healing isn’t something we look forward to, but rather something that was already accomplished and given? Peter spoke of healing as something we already have.

Then what of this idea that Peter is only referencing the wholeness we receive at salvation. Does he only mean to say we are healed emotionally? Is he excluding physical healing?

We need more context to make our conclusion.

Let's look at two parallel passages of the same story.

Luke 4:38-40

Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. ³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them. ⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

Matthew 8:14-17

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. ¹⁶ When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*"He Himself took our infirmities
And bore our sicknesses."*

Consider this. Since Peter was quoting Isaiah 53 saying, "By whose wounds you WERE healed," and Matthew even more powerfully pointed to Jesus healing all diseases as the fulfillment of prophecy given in Isaiah 53 which Peter is quoting, it is more reasonable to conclude that:

As surely as our salvation was provided at the crucifixion,
So were all types of healing provided at the cross.

Both were given at his death and suffering. Our part in receiving both salvation and healing is to **believe**. Just as Isaiah 53 begins, "Who has **believed** our report?"

Believe in Him as Lord and be saved.
Believe in Him as Healer and be healed.

