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Why have you come to this class? A personal reason?

To be taught to become a disciple and then to teach and minister to others?

Ephesians 4:11-13, “¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”

*Mark 16:14-18, “Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ **He who believes** and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And **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.**”*

2 Corinthians 5:16, 17 – “Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

So often we understand that to mean we don't do what we used to do, but just maybe the things that should become new are how we regard people.

We should no longer regard people in the flesh but in the Spirit, seeing them as that new creation with old things passed away and all thing becoming new. We should be angry when we see sickness and disease because they are spiritual but manifested in the flesh, and especially for a Christian, these things ought not be! We must change our perception of sickness and disease from the natural flesh realm to the spirit realm.

Fasten your seat belts: If you've been saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a disciple for any length of time and you cannot minister to people and pray with people you are absolutely no threat to the devil... and what you may think is the

devil coming after you probably isn't because you're not a threat to him. When the devil and his demons see you, they should tremble. You should be a threat to the kingdom of darkness.

Remember our beginning foundational verses, *Romans 12:1, 2* – Presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice & having our minds transformed.

Luke 13:10-16 - Infirmary ought not be so even under the Abrahamic Covenant. But wait! We have a better Covenant with better promises – *Hebrews 7:22; Hebrews 8:6*. Could it be a better Covenant and leave out healing?

Matthew 28:18-20 - Was Matthew 28 only for those present? – The Great Commission. You have been commissioned.

Our basis for receiving healing is God's love, that the Father loves us the same as He loves Jesus and Jesus loves us the same as the Father has loved Him – *John 15:9 and John 17:23*.

In *Philippians 2* we saw that the Father gave Jesus a Name above every name, on, under, and above the earth. As we study using that Name and that authority, consider this:

Psalms 138:2 – “For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

His Name is just not an honorable mention. Having given Jesus a Name above every name and He magnifies, He honors His Word even above that Name above all names? Selah, that's a wow moment.

That is how we must apply the Word to sickness and disease, that is how we partake of the blessings of the better Covenant with better promises. In a Helen Reddy moment we must declare, we are invincible!

Being Versus doing – His Name is I AM, not I do. Let's look at another compound redemptive Name of God:

Jehovah Rapha - Jehovah, remember Jehovah, the relational God, the Father of spirits – His relation to us is **I AM** the Lord Who Heals You. That's how He relates to us.

If we are eternal beings, let's look again eternally - **I am the healed of the Lord by the eternal Lord Who Heals me!**

God's nature, one of His compound redemptive Names is I AM the Lord Who Heals You. *"I am the Lord, I change not."* – Malachi 3:6

Begin to look at God for who He **IS** and who He **IS** relationally to you and not for what He can do for you. Who He is informs what He does.

Everything that Jehovah does, He does out of Who He is in love – His character and nature.

Well, that's great, but it's O.T., Old Covenant –

John 8:58, "Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.'" (While He knew those He was addressing before He formed them in the womb, before they were born physically, naturally, on this earth, He is I AM.) In John 10 and twice in John 17 Jesus declares that He and the Father are one.

1st Mention of Jehovah Rapha – Three days out of the Red Sea, with no water, the Israelites start complaining; on the 3rd day, the Israelites arrive at Marah, meaning bitter waters, Moses is instructed by the Lord to take a tree, to cast it in the waters and the waters become sweet and drinkable. See the death, burial, resurrection...and on the 3rd day, a tree turns bitterness into sweetness? Sound familiar?

*Exodus 15:26, "and said, 'If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. **For I am the Lord who heals you.**'"*

...for I AM the Lord who heals you. The bitterness of the fall and sin is turned into redemption and healing. Has Jehovah changed His Name or stopped being, stopped being I AM?

Clarification: "Put" – permissive here rather than causative as the Egyptians reaped from the flesh what they had sown because of Pharaoh's hardened heart because God foreknew him. There is a place of blessing and a place where we can be outside of that blessing, there is a law of sowing and reaping:

Galatians 6:7, 8 – "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

And we know:

2 Corinthians 9:6 “But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

That works in both directions in whatever we sow sparingly or bountifully, for good and for evil.

See God as sweet. Sweet and bitter water don't flow from the same source. *Luke 11:17, 18, “But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: ‘Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.*

¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.’” Look at redemption and look at healing.

Don't look for a way to think that God is waiting for an opportunity to “put something on you” and dismiss His Name and Who He is relationally to you. You can't honestly believe that the God who loves you would put your hand in the flame to teach you it's hot.