

## GIFTS OF HEALINGS:

### **Biblical Examples:**

- Jesus heals a blind man: John 9:6-7                      Jesus heals out of compassion: Matthew 14:14
- Peter's shadow heals people: Acts 5:15-16              Paul Heals a man: Acts 28:8

### **What is it?**

- The gifts of healing is the supernatural ability to minister healing through the power of God.
- No one has the gift of Healing because It's not the gift of healing, but the gifts of healing. The gifts of healing is plural meaning diverse healings.
- We fully don't understand this. We do know that not all healing is physical, there is mental, spiritual and emotional healing that also happens. God does heal and touch these as well.
  - o There are certain people who will have a special anointing on a specific illness, like blindness or cancer.
  - o There are numerous ways recorded how healings take place in the New Testament:  
    Lay of hands, Peter's Shadow, Angel Stirring The Water, etc... (Jesus making mud out of His spit)
  - o Some healings are gradual and some healings are instantaneous. We see this in scripture as well:
    - Instant Healings – Matthew 8:3 / Mark 1:31
    - Gradual Healings - John 4:52 / Mark 8:22-26
- Sometimes God heals Sovereignly and at other times He heals according to the faith of the sick person, or even of the one praying.

### **What is it not?**

- Medicine whether it's natural or conventional is not to be mistaken as the gifts of healing.
  - o God does inspire people to find remedies, surgeries, and medicines but that is not this gift. The gifts of healing go beyond natural means and bring healing.
  - o This does not mean that God doesn't use doctors or medicine to heal. He does but that is outside of this gift.

### **Purpose:**

- The purpose of healing is to make people well and set free from the bondage of sickness. So, they can live and pursue God's plans for them on this earth.
- It builds up the church, gives testimonies of God's power and goodness, and brings the lost to God. It shows that Jesus is alive and is moving in His church!

### **Important Closing notes:**

- It is God's will to heal, unless He has for the immediate time and circumstances a higher will. Hebrews 11 gives many examples of Old testament saints who faced suffering, persecution and death for the glory of God. In the New Testament we have saints who also endured sickness without healing: 2 Timothy 4:20 / 1 Timothy 5:23 / and whatever Paul's thorn in the flesh was, it was not God's will to relieve him of it. 2 Cor. 12:7-10.
  - o A person's salvation and spiritual development are, ultimately of higher value than their physical healing.
  - o Many times other's come to Jesus when they see another person experiencing Christ in the midst of suffering
  - o True healing is the removal of every obstacle to the cross.
  - o To believe in healing is not to deny the possibilities of dying. We must remember that ultimate healing is in heaven – Rev. 21:4-5