



## Church – The Body of Christ The Healer

The Healer is one part of the church which attracts the most attention. It is the lowest in the hierarchy of the church but is lifted the most.

### **1 Corinthians 12**

*<sup>22</sup>On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup>while our presentable parts need no special treatment. **But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup>If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.***

Jesus was the first person in the Bible who became famous as a healer. The people use to follow Him is large numbers primarily because He healed them. Either they needed the healing or just to see how Jesus performed the healings.

### **Matthew 12**

*<sup>15</sup>Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. **Many followed him, and he healed all their sick,***

### **Mark 6**

*<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. <sup>54</sup>As soon as they got out of the boat, **people recognized Jesus. <sup>55</sup>They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.***

## **A Healer according to the High Priest – The Anointing.**

### **Exodus 29**

*<sup>19</sup> "Take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head. <sup>20</sup> Slaughter it, take some of its blood and put it on the lobes of the right ears of Aaron and his sons, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. Then sprinkle blood against the altar on all sides. <sup>21</sup> And take some of the blood on the altar and some of the anointing oil and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments and on his sons and their garments. Then he and his sons and their garments will be consecrated.*

When the anointing of Aaron the High Priest and his sons (Priest) was done, Moses was told by the Lord to take the sacrificial blood and apply it first to their right ears, then to the thumbs of their right hands and then to the big toes of the right feet.

In the Old Testament a man is saved only by righteousness and not by the mercy and grace of God (Sacrifice of Jesus). Therefore the blood was applied only to right parts.

The head represents Christ (Lord and Jesus) and the legs the healer. It was only after the coming of Christ (Jesus) the 'Anointed One' on earth, came the evangelist and healers.

In the Old Testament there are incidents of healings but they were either through prayers or on special instructions given by God via the Man of God.

### **Genesis 20**

*<sup>17</sup> Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so they could have children again, <sup>18</sup> for the LORD had closed up every womb in Abimelech's household because of Abraham's wife Sarah.*



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### 2 Chronicles 30

<sup>18</sup> Although most of the many people who came from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not purified themselves, yet they ate the Passover, contrary to what was written. But **Hezekiah prayed for them**, saying, "May the LORD, who is good, pardon everyone <sup>19</sup> who sets his heart on seeking God—the LORD, the God of his fathers—even if he is not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary." <sup>20</sup> **And the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people.**

### 2 Kings 20

<sup>1</sup> In those days **Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death**. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: **Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.**"

<sup>2</sup> **Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,** <sup>3</sup> "Remember, O LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

<sup>4</sup> Before Isaiah had left the middle court, **the word of the LORD came to him:** <sup>5</sup> "Go back and tell **Hezekiah, the leader of my people, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.'**"

<sup>7</sup> **Then Isaiah said, "Prepare a poultice of figs." They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered.**

### A Healer according to the Body Part – The Legs.

The legs are lower limbs of the body used to stand and to travel. It is a part of the body we give least consideration yet of great importance.

The legs represent the Healer. Like the legs helps the body stand so does healings confirm the presence of God in His Word. Legs help the body to travel to places in the same way the message of God travels to place through the news of healings. There are two legs in the same way there are two types of healers, one concerning the body and other the spirit; healing ministry and the deliverance ministry.

People turn to God mainly for healing when they are sick in body, mind and spirit. When they hear that others have got healed, they too turn to God.

It is the healer that takes the church to new places and confirms the Power of the Almighty God.

### A Healer according to the New Testament.

In the New Testament, Jesus is the most famous healer. He healed many people, where ever He went people came to Him with their sick to be healed.

To understand a healer we will take up some incidents of healings that Jesus did.

#### Case 1

##### Matthew 8 [NIV]

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."

<sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."



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*<sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.*

*<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.*

### **Matthew 8 [KJV]**

*<sup>5</sup>And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,*

*<sup>6</sup>And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.*

*<sup>7</sup>And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.*

*<sup>8</sup>The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

*<sup>9</sup>For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.*

*<sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

*<sup>13</sup>And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

In this incident Jesus heals the servant of the centurion. The centurion really believed that Jesus had a command over the forces that caused the sickness of his servant. It is this faith that caused the healing of his servant. This was like looking at Jesus through spiritual eyes.

Here the person is healed totally due to faith.

### Case 2

#### **Matthew 8[NIV]**

*<sup>1</sup>When he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup>A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."*

*<sup>3</sup>Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.*

#### **Matthew 8[KJV]**

*<sup>1</sup>When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.*

*<sup>2</sup>And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.*

*<sup>3</sup>And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

In this incident Jesus heals a leper who came to Him, worshipping Him and saying 'If you will'. This leper looked at Jesus with human eyes. He must have heard about the healings Jesus had done and therefore approached Jesus. Here Jesus touched him unlike the previous incident where He just spoke and the person was healed. The touch was required because the person did not have sufficient faith and therefore needed a physical touch to boost his Spiritual faith. When healing a person touching a person or laying of hands is not always necessary but required to boost the person's faith. Therefore sometimes we even need to touch the sick or aching part of the body of the person.

Here the faith was low yet Jesus heals the person.

### Case 3

#### **Matthew 8[NIV]**

*<sup>14</sup>When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. <sup>15</sup>He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.*



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### **Matthew 8[KJV]**

*<sup>14</sup>And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.*

*<sup>15</sup>And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.*

In this incident Jesus heals Peter's Mother-in-law. Now if you read the sentence you will understand that Jesus had come to Peter's house and on reaching there He saw Peter's wife's mother sick with fever. This suggests that He did not come to Peter's house to heal his mother in law but discovered about her sickness on reaching there. There could be two possibilities one that Peter himself did not know his mother in law was sick at home or he did not have sufficient faith to ask Jesus to heal his mother in law and just invited Him to come over to rest. Now going in to the background of Peter, Peter followed Jesus as His disciple but was of weak faith until the day of Pentecost when he filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore the second possibility holds better. Here too Jesus touched her to heal her.

Here even though the faith was not there, yet Jesus heals the person.

### **Case 4**

### **John 5 [NIV]**

*<sup>1</sup>Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup>Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.*

*<sup>5</sup>One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"*

*<sup>7</sup>"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."*

*<sup>8</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.*

*The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup>and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."*

*<sup>11</sup>But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "*

*<sup>12</sup>So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"*

*<sup>13</sup>The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.*

*<sup>14</sup>Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." <sup>15</sup>The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.*

### **John 5 [KJV]**

*<sup>1</sup>After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.*

*<sup>2</sup>Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.*

*<sup>3</sup>In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.*

*<sup>4</sup>For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.*

*<sup>5</sup>And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.*

*<sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?*

*<sup>7</sup>The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.*

*<sup>8</sup>Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.*

*<sup>9</sup>And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.*

*<sup>10</sup>The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.*



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- <sup>11</sup>He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.  
<sup>12</sup>Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?  
<sup>13</sup>And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.  
<sup>14</sup>Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.  
<sup>15</sup>The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

In this incident Jesus heals a man with physical weakness from thirty eight years. Now John 5:4 has been omitted in some translations even in the Greek (Nestle) version. This scripture like all scriptures in the Bible are inspired by the Holy Spirit. If understood correctly will explain many things about life.

Let me explain it:

This belief of getting healed if the sick person jumped when the waters stirred, which happened by itself was a pagan believe. It was not that people were not healed or else why would people wait for so long. This is the same that happens even today with other religions, they too claim miracles and healings in their religion and they really do happen. So is their god, God and he is doing it? No. It is our God Himself who does that, not to please them who do not believe in Him, but to test us, who believe in Him, if we actually follow His Word.

### Deuteronomy 13

<sup>1</sup> If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, <sup>2</sup> and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," <sup>3</sup> you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

One thing you should get in your mind very clear, **there is no god other than our God**.

Now even thou the sick person believed in pagan things yet Jesus went up to him and healed him. When the man was healed he did not know Jesus at all. Even when the Jews asked him who healed him, he did not know but latter discovered that it was Jesus.

Here Jesus does not touch the person but heals him even thou the person does not have faith. Not only that the person does not even know Him.

### Case 5

#### Mark 7

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.  
<sup>33</sup>After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup>He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup>At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

In this incident we find Jesus not just touching the person (even the people who bought him asked Jesus just to lay His hands), here He spits and touches the man's tongue and looks up to heaven and with a deep sigh heals the person.

Why did Jesus do all this? If He had the command over spirits and sickness then with only His Words the person could have been healed. To understand this lets take two more healings



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### Mark 8 [NIV]

<sup>22</sup>They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. <sup>23</sup>He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

<sup>24</sup>He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

<sup>25</sup>Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup>Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village."

### Mark 8 [KJV]

<sup>22</sup>And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

<sup>23</sup>And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

<sup>24</sup>And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

<sup>25</sup>After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

<sup>26</sup>And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

Here in the town of Bethsaida Jesus heals a blind man by applying spit to his eyes. Before doing this Jesus leads him out of the village. Here we understand that the man was being healed in phases. Was Jesus losing His healing power? Why outside the town? Jesus could have healed him there itself. Why not to tell the people of the town.

This town was cursed by Jesus, because Jesus had performed many miracles here yet there was no change in the people.

### Matthew 11

<sup>21</sup>"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Bethsaida was a town in Galilee.

### John 12

<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

This was the same case with the people of the other towns of Galilee, even though they followed Him; they did so only out of their own self interest. Now about using of spit, we will understand this much better from another healing written in the Gospel according to John.

### John 9

<sup>1</sup>As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup>"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup>Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

<sup>7</sup>"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

Here Jesus spits on the ground and taking some mud mixed with His saliva applies it to the man's eyes. You will understand why Jesus did this as you read the latter part of this Chapter.

To give you a summary of it; the Pharisees (who considered them selves very learned) call the man and question him. Jesus knew this would happen therefore wanted to show them, the foolishness in their wisdom. He could have spoken the Words and healed the man or even touched him and healed him. But instead chose to do a silly thing so as to entangle the wise in their foolishness.



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### Case 6

#### **Luke 8**

<sup>42</sup>.. As Jesus was on his way, **the crowds almost crushed him.** <sup>43</sup>**And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.** <sup>44</sup>**She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.**

<sup>45</sup>**"Who touched me?" Jesus asked.**

*When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."*

<sup>46</sup>**But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."**

<sup>47</sup>*Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.*

<sup>48</sup>**Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."**

Here in this incident a woman suffering since twelve years due to bleeding gets her healing just by touching the hem of Jesus' garment. Jesus did not even know about her, yet she stole a healing from Jesus by just touching the hem of His garment. Jesus noticed this later when He felt power go out from Him.

This woman was not the only person healed by touching the hem of Jesus' garment.

#### **Mark 6**

<sup>56</sup>**And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.**

The people asked or begged Him and touched His garment with His knowledge and got their healing. But in the case of the woman, she got her healing without the knowledge of Jesus.

All these cases describe a healer. A healer heals the people by faith or by just the power of healing in her or him. He or she does not need to lay hands; just by speaking the Word can heal the person. Laying of hands is required to boost the faith of the person via physical contact. The same is with Spiritual healing or deliverances.

We all who are followers of Christ can do physical healings and command spirits to leave because we have been given the authority by God.

#### **Mark 16**

<sup>16</sup>**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.** <sup>17</sup>**And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."**

When we need to get a person healed we need to first build their faith by giving them the Word. And when they have sufficient faith, then we can get them their healing by laying hands or by commanding. That is exactly what Paul also did.

#### **Acts 14**

<sup>8</sup>**In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked.** <sup>9</sup>**He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed** <sup>10</sup>**and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.**

But when it comes to a healer the power of healing is given unto him. He can heal people and cast away spirits by a word or by his touch or just by his presence.