

**Healing  
Now**

**Healing  
in Heaven**

# Healing Now: Assumptions

- God always wants to bless.
- God has shown his power to do healing and miracles in the Bible.
- This means he always wants to heal.

# Healing Now: Problems

- Limited understanding of suffering.
- Too much focus on now, too little on what is to come.
- Limited appreciation of the uniqueness of the Apostles' ministry.
- Needs to be an explanation of why healing doesn't happen. This often leads to condemnation.

# Healing in Heaven: Assumptions

- God has shown that blessing often comes through suffering.
- God has promised that he will end suffering only at the return of Jesus.
- The Apostles' had a unique ministry.
- Healing is not for today, but we'll experience it in heaven.

# Healing in Heaven: Problems

- Can stop us calling out to God for his work and power in our need and suffering.
- Can lead to a stoic, “grin and bear it” attitude with hope and joy reduced.
- Limited appreciation of ‘gifts of healing’ in places like 1 Corinthians 12 (also James 5:15).

# Apostles did have a unique ministry.

They were with Jesus from John's baptism  
to the resurrection (Acts 1:22-23)

“done by the apostles” (Acts 2:43, 5:12)

“the things that mark an apostle – signs,  
wonders and miracles – were done  
amongst you.” (2 Corinthians 12:12)

Even the Apostles didn't do miracles  
all the time.

Acts 27:15

Galatians 4:13 – 14

Philippians 2:27

1 Timothy 5:23

# God does use suffering for our good.

2 Corinthians 4:17

Hebrews 12:11

1 Peter 1:7

James 1:2-3

**God has promised complete healing  
only at Jesus' return. We must set our  
minds on this.**

Then “he will wipe every tear away”  
(Revelation 7:7, 21:4)

“Set your hope fully on the grace to be  
given you when Jesus Christ is  
revealed.” (1 Peter 1:13)

**God is still able and powerful to heal  
now and we should ask him whilst  
remembering the whole counsel of  
Scripture.**

“Gifts of healing” (1 Corinthians 12:9, 28,  
30)

James 5:15

(See also 3 John 1:2)