

Crawl to Get Healed?

Do you wish Jesus was here so that you could touch the hem of His garment and be healed?

Many people compare themselves to those in the Bible who needed healing, but truth be told, you are not like the woman in Mark 5 who had to physically come in contact with the anointing.

Why? Because the moment you got born again, you no longer needed to come in contact with the power—you received it. Acts 1:8 says, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” The Greek word translated “power” is *dunamis*, which speaks of miraculous power, might, strength, and ability. As a born-again believer filled with the Holy Spirit, you aren’t trying to find the power of God somewhere outside of you. You have received power.

When we investigate the healings throughout the Gospels, it is vital to understand that those Jesus healed had not yet experienced the new birth that became available through His death and resurrection. So why would we identify with the sick person in the story who had to beg, crawl, or physically get to Jesus?

When you look throughout the Gospels, you will often see several groups represented: the sick, the religious, the disciples, and Jesus. Yet when it comes to our identity under the New Covenant, look to Jesus. He was the righteous One, and now you have been made the righteousness of God in Christ. Second Corinthians 5:21 says, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Understanding this can drastically change the way you pray and even the way you approach sickness and disease. I am righteous—not because of me, but because of Him. I was made righteous at the new birth. Ephesians 4:24 tells us that the new man was “created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

As the Church, we need to find out who we are, because when we understand who we are, we will approach sickness differently. The righteous Man I see in the Bible didn’t become nervous when sickness entered His presence—sickness became nervous when He entered its presence. Disease wasn’t intimidating to Him; His presence was a threat to disease.

So why has the Church shrunk back from sickness?

Because we have no idea who we are.

When identity becomes settled, our approach changes. We stop approaching sickness as people trying to get power and begin approaching it as people who have received power. We stop trying to become righteous and begin standing in the righteousness we have already received through Christ.