



8. Is Faith a Vaccine?

I've heard false teaching claiming that faith is a vaccine against the COVID-19 virus. One preacher claimed that if church members have enough faith and tithe to his church, they won't get the virus. Health and wealth preachers proclaim that with enough faith (expressed by words and donations to their ministries) you won't get sick ... or you'll be healed. They claim that Jesus wants every *every* believer to be healthy. But you know what ... the Bible just doesn't teach that.

Recorded in John 5, Jesus healed a crippled man (who apparently expressed no faith). That happened at the pool of Bethesda near the sheep gate in Jerusalem ... but Jesus left everyone else there *unhealed*. The faithful Apostle Paul had some serious

physical ailment ... referred to as a thorn in the flesh. Paul prayed for healing ... but God said *no*. That's 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. And at the end of Paul's faithful life, he couldn't heal his co-worker Trophimus. Paul left him, as it says in 2 Timothy 4:20 "*sick in Miletus*" a city on the west coast of Asia Minor ... what is today modern Turkey.

Jesus healed people ... but not everyone. Paul was faithful ... but wasn't healed ... and couldn't heal his co-worker. Adult on-set seizures are almost always life-long. I had 1,242 mid-range seizures in 400 days ... and God mercifully and totally healed me. I've also had cancer ... but God didn't heal me. Cyber knife radiation beat it into submission. And the most faithful man I ever met died of pulmonary fibrosis.

From the Bible and personal experience, I know, and I want you to know, that faith is *not* a vaccine against any sickness.

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