

**Word Puzzle
Micah 6:6-8**

O R R Y B P N R F N J O
 T D N A S U O H T B F S
 A V S V O T I U R F G M
 F E T M M V S Y E Y B A
 I M N E R U S R E V I R
 L O R D E I E A Y U O A
 L C U N Q H R G D S L L
 Y L B M U H G E O H U H
 F T U F I R S T B O R N
 X R F W R A N W S W D D
 J H B A E X A L T E D Q
 S E V L A C R Y F D G M
 G M P K Y L T S U J L U

With what shall I **come** before the **LORD** and bow down before the **exalted** God? Shall I **come** before him with **burnt offerings**, with **calves** a **year** old? Will the **LORD** be **pleased** with **thousands** of **rams**, with ten **thousand rivers** of oil? Shall I **offer** my **firstborn** for my **transgression**, the **fruit** of my **body** for the sin of my **soul**? He has **showed** you, O man, what is **good**. And what does the **LORD require** of you? To act **justly** and to **love mercy** and to **walk humbly** with your God.

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NTCOG NEWS

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Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates on the enclosed diary and make every effort to attend.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Popley Fields Community Centre

Carpenters Down

Popley

RG24 9AE

Monday Prayer Meeting

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Study

8:00 p.m.

Thursday – Open Door

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

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Healing

As Pentecostal Christians we believe that God can, and does, heal today in the same way as He did in the Bible. In the Old Testament God made a covenant with the people of Israel and promised to heal them under this covenant.

... "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer." Exodus 15:26 (NASB)

As Christians we live in relationship with God under a new covenant, a covenant that is based on grace rather than the law. The grace that God extends to us is based on the sacrifice that Jesus made on the Cross, dying for us, and through His resurrection.

It is through this covenant of grace that God heals people today. This is the healing power that Isaiah prophesied in the Old Testament when he wrote:

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 (NASB)

This truth is expressed in the eleventh article of our denominational Basis of Faith by the statement:

Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

During the last 20 to 30 years there has been a great emphasis within the Church on healing. A great amount of time has been invested by pastors, teachers and theologians in an attempt to understand the subject and there has been a seemingly endless flow of books and conferences.

The beauty of the statement in our Basis of Faith is its simplicity. Rather than attempting a detailed exploration of the Doctrine

of Healing, something which requires a lot more than 9 words, it focuses on the three most important things:

1. The Nature
2. The Scope
3. The Source

By saying that healing is divine our Basis of Faith affirms that healing belongs to God and is subject to His Sovereignty. The divine nature of healing is what makes it miraculous and unexplainable, God acts and we can only look on in reverent awe and appreciation.

The second point to note is that God's gift of healing is universal in the same way as salvation is universal. This universality means that God has made provision to heal all and that means believers and non believers. It is man not God that places limits on the scope of God's healing power.

The final point that we must understand is that the healing comes from the grace of God through the Cross.

ATONEMENT — the act by which God restores a relationship of harmony and unity between Himself and human beings. The word can be broken into three parts that express this great truth in simple but profound terms: "at-one-ment." Through God's atoning grace and forgiveness, we are reinstated to a relationship of at-one-ment with God, in spite of our sin. (*Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*)

Jesus said... "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give." Matthew 10:8 (NASB)

Pastor Graham

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