

**“Jesus the Healer” (part 1)
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PROP- Jesus came to heal us spiritually and physically. He also came to restore health to our souls.

1. THE NATURE OF OUR “SOUL”

1 Thessalonians 5:23- 3 dynamics of our lives: “spirit, soul, and body”

“SPIRIT” & “SOUL” are often misunderstood:

**SPIRIT- dynamic that receives from God; capacity to perceive
(1 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 8:16)**

SOUL-

2 root words:

“Breathed”- (Gen. 2:7- “living soul”) animated

“Sensitized”- capacity to...

-Feel

-Be aware (that you are aware)

-Process life (ponder, reason, form opinions)

-Make decisions (mind, will, emotions)

***It’s what makes you--“YOU”!**

NOTE: Our spirit plays a key role in our relationship—but we cannot deny the dynamic of our soul. Jesus, at time of His “passion,” did not face it as a “spirit robot” mechanically quoting scriptures. Rather, He acknowledged His very real feelings (“my soul is grieved” Mt. 26:38).

2. JESUS CARES ABOUT OUR SOULS

- **He’s the “lover” of our souls (Song of Solomon)**
- **He calls us to love Him back “with all (our) ...soul” (Matthew 22:37; Deut. 6:5)**
- **He “revives” our soul with His word (Psalm 19:7)**
- **He “restores” our soul (Psalm 23:3)**
- **Our soul “thirsts for, pants for God” (Psalm 42:1-2)**
- **He can fill our “downcast” soul with “hope” (Psalm 42:3-5)**
- **Our soul can “find rest” in Him alone (Psalm 62:1)**

3. THE CONDITION OF OUR SOUL—POWERFULLY IMPACTS OUR LIFE

3 John 2-

“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well (i.e., prospers).”

- ***“Prosper”- fully supplied, equipped to get to your destination***
- **Unhealthy thoughts and emotions drain us and distract us from fulfilling our purpose.**
- **85% of all sickness has its roots in an unhealthy thought life (NOTE: “Psychosomatic”- real—not imagined—“dis-ease”)**
- **Things like anxiety, regret, anger, hatred, unforgiveness, and jealousy—eat away at our immune system, making us vulnerable (SEE Ps. 31:10)**
- **A thought life consistent with the “mind of Christ” impacts our internal world (SEE Isaiah 35:10) bringing healing to our bodies (SEE Prov. 16:24)**

4. JESUS IS CALLING US TO MOVE BEYOND HEALING—TO LIVING HEALTHY

Luke 17:12-19

9 lepers were “healed”; the one who returned for continued interaction with Jesus was “healed” AND “made whole” (sozo). (NOTE: He had spent his life avoiding people—“unclean!”)

A whole generation experienced “health and healing” by living in a revelation of “abundant peace and truth” (SEE Jeremiah 33:6)

RESPONSE

It’s time to respond to the “Healer of our souls”.

Jesus came to set BOTH “prisoners” and “captives” free.

- **“Prisoners” are in bondage because of what they have done.**
- **“Captives” are imprisoned because of what has been done to them.**
 - **The key for PRISONERS—ask God to forgive you...then believe that He actually has.**
 - **The key for CAPTIVES—forgive others...then use the authority you have to walk out of captivity. Like Paul & Silas in prison, praising God BEFORE a breakthrough comes is one of the greatest signs of a prosperous soul.**