**Healing**

There are \_\_\_\_ basic positions on healing held to by the Christian community.

The Scriptures are clear, but the differing opinions arise ***from the Scriptures that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***  ***Reconciling these texts is the cause of disagreement***.

 ***Taken by itself and at \_\_\_\_ value***, it appears Jesus is giving His disciples a blank check.  There is no reason to believe that these words of Christ were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rest of Scripture which requires us to ask for the will of the Lord to be done.

Despite King David’s \_\_\_\_\_\_, his first son through Bathsheba had to die. (2 Samuel 12:16-18)

Paul had to have an infirmity in his \_\_\_\_\_ to keep him humble. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Jesus asked that if it were possible let this cup pass from Him.  Nevertheless, the Father still \_\_\_\_ Him to the cross. (Matthew 26:42)

Many Christians living in the apocalypse will be ordained to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  (Revelation 6:11)

**Often, we don’t know what is \_\_\_\_ for us**.   **Therefore, our requests to God ought never to be demands.   We should always pray  “not \_\_ will, but Your will be done.”**

Paul constantly reminds the believers that they are ordained for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ***Acts 14:21-22 1 Corinthians 4:11-16***

***2 Corinthians 4:8-11 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 2 Corinthians 6:4-5***

Paul taught that we suffer so that we might share in the suffering of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and be united with Him in purpose and destiny (Philippians 3:10; 2 Timothy 2:11).  With this Peter and Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

Do these texts about afflictions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sickness?   Apparently, they do because Paul was not healed of an infirmity in his flesh despite his prayers for healing.   God may \_\_\_\_\_\_ our sickness.

***2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Galatians 4:13-15***

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Timothy nor Trophimus were healed of their infirmities***.***

***1 Timothy 5:23  2 Timothy 4:20***

The New Testament teaches that God \_\_\_\_ heal in our age, but most likely we should expect the mode to be similar to that of Epaphroditus ***Philippians 2:25-30*** The Christian is subject to all the diseases and infirmities in this life, but God will protect believers from the environment only as is necessary for the completion of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   **It is a comfort to know that we are invincible until our work is finished on earth.**

God’s healing may \_\_\_ be immediate.   We may be sick to the point of death before we recover.

An infirmity may stay with us to

-  demonstrate we serve God with \_\_\_\_ motives (Job 1:7-11; 2:4-5)

- discipline us to righteousness (Hebrews 12:11; 1 Peter 4:1)

-  keep us looking \_\_ (Romans 8:23)

-  give us an opportunity to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 1:12)

-  show that God’s work does not come by our strength but by the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 12:9)

-  accumulate for us heavenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 4:17)

-  allow us to partake in the \_\_\_\_ sufferings as Christ experienced (Philippians 3:10)

The spiritual Christian knows that the main \_\_\_\_\_ of our hope is not temporary relief in this age, but the coming of the Lord and the resurrection.

***We are to fix our hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13).***