**The Christian View on Healing** - James 5: 13-16

1. What kinds of sicknesses are there?
2. **Sickness unto \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*Psalm 90:10 says: ‘The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.’***

The scripture says: **it is appointed**--*Greek,* "it is *laid up* (as our appointed lot) to \_\_\_\_, and after that the judgement. Thus, every one of us – unless we are raptured first – will actually die from some form of a sickness that causes our physical body to cease working.

1. **Sickness unto chastisement**

***1 Corinthians 11:27-32 1 Corinthians 5:1-5***

Paul teaches that SOME illnesses and sicknesses are caused by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ actions and behaviours.

There is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ correlation between an illness and sinful behaviour. Sometimes there is the situation of sickness unto chastisement – but not \_\_\_ sickness is chastisement for sin.

However, a Christian who is ill, as part of their walk with the Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be asking the Lord to reveal by His Holy Spirit any area of his or her life that has come under scrutiny by the Lord and is found wanting, and where repentance and change is necessary.

1. **Sickness unto the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God *John 11:4 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”***

God provides grace to help in time of \_\_\_\_.

First, God can heal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Second God can heal through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Third, God gets glory when He grants us grace when He says ‘no – you must \_\_\_\_\_\_ with this.’ ***2 Corinthians 12:7-10***

1. **What is a Christian to do when he or she is quite \_\_\_**?

Recognize that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is involved in every part of life – suffering? Pray Cheerful? Praise Sick - prayer of faith v. 16 pray for one another.

So, according to this passage who is involved?

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_ – note that a Christian dealing with sickness is to do it in the context of the community of faith
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_ – who within the community of faith are not responsible TO the people, but FOR the people!
* The sick \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – ‘one who is without strength’ in Greek – which likely means we are talking about illness that is not simply or merely or solely physical, but can be mental, moral and spiritual as well

Now what is involved?

* An individual with \_\_\_\_\_\_ form of sickness
* The sick person takes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - it is not the responsibility of the elders to find the sick person, but for the sick person to call for the elders
* The framework is not public, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – this is not designed for a public ‘show’ but for an intimate encounter in prayer with God
* The elders are to anoint with oil – suffice it to say that I believe that this is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – real oil, but symbolic of the Holy Spirit’s healing presence –
* They are to offer the prayer of \_\_\_\_\_ – which requires an element of discernment and honest dialogue and interchange
* The prayer of faith must always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an acknowledgement of God’s sovereignty – it is not an inconsistency for us to ask, ‘in faith’ and ‘according to God’s Will’

***If you are significantly ill that you need the kind of care that involves hospitalization and/or significant intervention, then according to God’s word you are sick enough to call for the elders of the church, to anoint you with oil and to pray for you.***