

THE WOUNDED PHYSICIAN

1 Peter 2:24 (niv) “He Himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.”

(nkjv) “by whose stripes ye were healed.”

Greek word for *healed* is **iaomai**, which means ‘to cure sicknesses’.

iaomai is used 27 times in the New Testament:

- 21 times to describe physical healing
- eg: *Matthew 8:8, 13.*
- once in *Acts 10:38*, to describe both physical and spiritual deliverance.
- 5 times in a symbolic sense to describe moral and spiritual restoration or renewal
(*Matthew 13:15; Luke 4:18 (nkjv); John 12:40; Acts 28:27; Hebrews 12:13*).

1 Peter 2:24 points out that we obtain forgiveness of our sins because “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness” and that we obtain healing of our sicknesses because “by His wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:24 is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy in *Isaiah 53:5 (nkjv)*

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement (punishment) for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Hebrew word for “healed” is **rapha**.

Exodus 15:26 (kjv) “...I am the Lord, (Yahweh-Rapha) that healeth thee.”

The basic meaning of **rapha** is **physical mending or being made well**.

The Hebrew word for *stripes* is **chabbuwhah** - a stripe, weal (welt), that is, a print of blows on the skin, a black-and-blue mark - a bruise.

Chabbuwhah comes from the Hebrew word **chabar**, which means to bind, or to join a seam together.

“*by His stripes we are healed*” means, because Jesus suffered, He now bonds with us in our suffering and through His resurrection we bond with Him in His victory over sin and sickness.

*“Faith knows the power that His coming back to life gives and what it means to **share His suffering**. In this way I’m becoming like Him in His death, with the confidence that I’ll come back to life from the dead.” **Philippians 3:10-11***

Notice the prophet Isaiah said, “*are healed*” but the apostle Peter wrote, “*were healed*.”

Isaiah was looking forward to the unfinished work of Jesus on the cross but Peter was looking back to the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

Peter is stating that healing is now our right and our provision.

All we need to do is to claim what is already ours and to receive it by faith.

Isaiah 53:4a (nkjv) Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Isaiah identifies the two great benefits that would come from the atoning death of Jesus.

1. Forgiveness of every sin.
2. Healing of every sickness.
 - “wounded for our transgressions” (vs 5)
 - “took upon Himself our infirmities” (vs 4)
 - “bruised for our iniquities” (vs 5)
 - “carried away our pains” (vs 4)
 - “The chastisement (punishment, flogging) for our peace was upon Him, (vs 5)
 - by His stripes (wounds) we are healed” (vs 5)

Isaiah 53:4a (nkjv) Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Hebrew meaning for “borne or bore” is to “**lift up**”.

Isaiah 53:12 (nkjv) “... and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many...”

Isaiah 53:11 (nkjv) “... My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear (carry the weight of) their iniquities (sins).”

When applied to sin, “*bore and bear*” means to “**lift up and to carry away**”.

Jesus has carried our sins away to find peace with God.

Likewise, Jesus has also carried our griefs (sicknesses) away so that we can find healing from God.

Matthew 8:17 (rsv) “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

“*took*” means “*to get hold of*” or “*to pick up and take away*”.

“*bore*” means “*to lift up and to remove.*”

The original Greek words for “griefs”, “sorrows”, “infirmities” and “diseases” all refer to physical illness –

- **Griefs:** Hebrew word means malady (disease), anxiety, calamity (tragedy, misfortune).

- **Sorrows:** Hebrew word means anguish (torment) or affliction (pain).
- **Infirmities:** Greek word means feebleness of body or mind.
- **Diseases:** Greek word means infirmity, sickness.

Because of Jesus' death at Calvary and His resurrection, He has carried away the **sins** of His people through forgiveness and He has also removed our **diseases** through healing.

We celebrate communion in remembrance of our **deliverance** from both the **infirmity of sin** and the **grief of sickness**, made possible because of Jesus!