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'.

laomai is used 27 times in the New Testament:

- 21 times for physical healing (e.g. Matt 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 (*Matt 13:15; Luke 4:18 (nkjv); John 12:40; Acts 28:27; Heb 12:13*).

1 Peter 2:24 conveys we have obtain forgiveness for 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 we obtain healing for sickness 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. Which means physical mending or being made well.

The prophet Isaiah said, "are healed" and the apostle Peter wrote, "have been healed."

The Hebrew word for *stripes* is *chabbuwrah*, a stripe, a welt (a raised mark on the skin).

Chabbuwrah comes from the Hebrew word **chabar**, 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.

Isaiah identifies two benefits that would come from the atoning death of Jesus. (*Isaiah 53:4-5*)

- 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;

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)."

Hebrew meaning for "borne or bore" is to "lift up".

When applied to sin, "bore and bear" means to "lift up and to carry away".

Jesus has carried our sins away providing us peace with God.

Jesus has also carried our griefs and sicknesses away providing us with healing and restoration.

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.