

Increasing Our Faith

Week Five

Faith for Healing in Church History

- **The Spirit** _____ – the First _____ years
 - Healing Prayer was _____
 - The church was under intense _____ for most of this time
 - Christianity was _____

- **The Church Unplugs the** _____ – over the next _____ centuries healing is a neglected and rejected subject –
 - 313 – _____ the Great - Well known for being the first Roman emperor to _____ to Christianity
 - Christianity became a _____ religion in the Roman Empire.
 - Previously, persecution had kept Christianity pure, therefore there were few hypocrites or nominal Christians. When the persecution ended, it became more or less _____ to be a Christian.
 - _____ Christianity became the _____ religion of the Roman Empire and the church grew greatly in numbers.

 - 387 St. _____ converted – Latin Philosopher and theologian generally considered as one of the greatest Christian thinkers of all times. His writings were very influential in the theological development of Western Christianity.
 - He was taught to believe in _____ – days of healing miracles had ceased.
 - He taught that everything in life happens due to the _____ of God. Therefore, God _____ or _____ sickness for a person's spiritual sanctification = to pray against an illness could be viewed as _____ God.

 - The fall of the Roman Empire in _____ and the terrible living conditions of the _____ between 400 and 1400 caused people to focus on the next life rather than looking for healing in this _____.

 - _____ century - The _____ Reformation was initiated by Martin Luther, John Calvin and other early Protestants. It was sparked by the 1517 posting of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses. The efforts of the self-described "reformers", who objected to ("_____") the doctrines, rituals, and structure of the Roman Catholic Church, led to the creation of new national Protestant churches.

 - John Calvin - "The reformer who most _____ the _____ ministry was the most influential of all the theologians of the Reformation."
 - #1. Calvin chose Augustine as his favorite theologian from early Christianity to form his beliefs. Calvin carried Augustine's teaching to a further _____:
 - _____ at the death of the last apostle.
 - Cessationsim became a basic _____.
 - Taught _____ had been banished from this world after the Resurrection.
 - = Did away with the _____ ministry and _____ so central to Jesus' message of Good News.

- Those who have strongly been influenced by his conclusions: Presbyterians, Baptist, and most other evangelicals.
 - #2. His great disdain for the _____ Church and their practices has greatly impacted the denominations even to this day to be _____.
- _____ resisted Cessationism. They retained a belief in the miraculous although their faith expectancy was an occasional healing and through the Catholic '_____', not ordinary people. This caused the laity to feel they were not good enough or holy enough to be used for healing.
- 1711-_____ – Others with great influence - Hume, Darby, Bultmann - Reinforced _____ Cessationism view or taught that the _____ never even happened.
- Expectant faith remains in people who read the _____ and _____ and respond with the heart cry “_____!”

• **The Spirit _____!**

- _____ Wave – _____ - Azusa Street, Los Angeles, CA. The first 50 years of the 20th century, Holy Spirit fires were spreading all over the land – far from established _____ and _____.
 - By year _____ this wave had grown into _____ million Pentecostals in 740 Pentecostal denominations. 90% who experienced a personal Pentecost were forced to resign from their churches and another 6% voluntarily left their parent churches. This led to the formation of many new Pentecostal denominations.
- _____ Renewal Movement – Second half of the 20th century, the fire of the Spirit began to touch pastors and leaders in the established church, _____. Great leaders arose in this healing revival.
 - By _____, the Spirit touched the heart of every mainline denomination with a renewal experience accompanied by all the charismatic gifts (ministers, priests and laypeople).
 - This wave was larger than the first with _____ million people in all the major denominations Catholic and Protestant.
 - 100,000 Spirit filled churches formed into 3700 denominations or groupings.
- _____ Wave – John Wimber, a former jazz musician, after conversion became a pastor, attended 1977 Calvary Chapel but left because of theological difference about the practice of gifts, ministry of Holy Spirit and Kingdom theology, then became a founding leader of the Vineyard Movement, 1982.
 - _____ - Toronto Airport –
 - _____ million neo-charismatics, more than the total Pentecostal and Charismatics added together. Neo-charismatics are churches that embrace the doctrines and practices of the Pentecostal church and Charismatic movement but not formally aligned with either. These are most referred to as independent or non-denominational churches. Church on the Rock, Vineyard, International House of Prayer, Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, Bethel Church.
 - Estimates are that this astounding _____ will increase worldwide to a total of _____ million by the year _____. _____% are non-white. They are _____% third world rather than _____% first world and most of them are living in poverty.

- In a mere _____ years, the number who have experienced the power of the Spirit has grown to such a remarkable extent this it now represents the _____ largest group of Christians in the world, the first being the Roman Catholics. It outnumbers the total of all the traditional Protestants put together. AND THEY _____ once more in the gift of supernatural healing and deliverance.

Increasing Our Faith for Healing

- **Faith _____** – Hebrews 11:6, *It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.* MSG
 - Faith lives out of the revelation of God's nature as a _____!
 - Much of what we _____ in life is brought to us, but most of what we _____, we have to _____. That is the divine purpose of continuous pursuit.
- **Stay _____ Into the Power Source!**
 - _____ Father God – Cry out to Him. Be _____ and passionate in pursuing miracle breakthroughs. Paul said to pursue earnestly spiritual gifts. We are not to _____ they will simply function in our lives without the element of passionate prayer. Cry out to God in the secret place and take risks in the _____ place.
 - When the miracle _____, give thanks, giving Him all the credit and glory
 - When it does _____, we return to the secret place and make our requests known to God
 - Bible _____ – The Scriptures reveal how Holy Spirit moves, especially through the life of Jesus. Pour over the _____ and _____. All true study is driven by hunger.
 - _____ – Find books written by those who have lived or are living the _____ lifestyle. *God's Generals* by Roberts Liardon.
 - _____ – Pursue the men and women of God who live a miracle lifestyle and ask them to pray and lay hands on you, 1 Timothy 4:14. This is not the only way to receive an impartation. Sometimes we can receive it through the _____ of their ministry and the honor we cultivate for Holy Spirit upon them and the gifts they carry. Impartation won't become _____ in your life until you _____ and begin praying for others. An impartation can lie _____ if we do not activate it.
 - _____ – The more we _____ the gifts of the Spirit, the more breakthrough we will see. One of the primary principles of the Kingdom is that _____ comes through use.
 - _____ – When you associate with those who regularly _____ signs and wonders in their lives, it will rub off on you!
 - _____ – Make room for God to do what He does by nature: _____ and _____. More people will be _____ when you pray for _____ people. Act on what you know, led by Holy Spirit. Real learning comes by _____.

- **Deal with the Obstacles**

- Getting _____ – All of us have things in our daily lives we are contending to see breakthrough for. When we take a _____ and don't see immediate results, we must resist losing _____ and allowing _____ of failure or inadequacy attack us, because Papa sees risk taking a success! Our faith filled persistence will make our circumstances line up with God's Word.

- _____ – is the biggest stumbling block.
 - Give up 'the right to _____'. Learning to live with the _____ is one of the most necessary ingredients of the supernatural lifestyle.
 - It's normal for _____ to arise during loss. Be honest with Father. Even John the Baptist struggled with _____. Jesus directed his attention to what God _____.
 - Dwelling on what God is _____ opens us up for offense and unbelief .

- You and I cannot _____ to think differently about our situations than God does. When you take care of the issues of your _____, we will realize there is _____ in every loss.

Going Deeper: To the degree believers are in agreement with God and His Kingdom, determines the level of experience they have with Him and the level of powerful anointing they carry.

This week, meditate on the scriptures referenced in this lesson. How have you been influenced by faulty human teaching against Holy Spirit, His gifts and what is available to you? Ask Holy Spirit to give you revelation and understanding. Identify any area of unbelief and repent. Come into agreement with Him, and record what He reveals to you. Ask Him for a fresh fire to pursue Him! What are your dreams for praying for healing?