

I. 10 Reasons People Do Not Believe Jesus Heals Today

- Summary: Why don't all Christians believe Jesus heals today the same as He healed yesterday?
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1. Signs were needed in the past to prove Jesus was the Messiah

The disciples of John reported to him about all these things. Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?" When the men came to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?'" At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. "Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me." - Luke 7:18-23 NASU

2. People seek heaven first not the Kingdom of God

- a. Then stop once they are assured of their RSVP
- b. Healing is reserved for the sweet by and by
- c. Waiting for a glorified body
- d. We are given over to sufferings in this world
- e. Seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)
- f. Kingdom comes in power (1 Corinthian 4-20)

3. A salvaging gospel is preached

- a. The world belongs to the devil
- b. Our bodies belong to the world
- c. Jesus only cares about the souls of man
- d. Jesus had compassion for hungry people (Matthew 15:32)

4. The punishment of sin is in our bodies.

- a. Once to die... (Hebrews 9:27)

5. It might be our time to die

- a. A time to be born and a time to die (Ecclesiastes 3:2)
 1. Adding years to our life
 2. Losing years of our life
 3. Lack of knowledge
 4. We can die before our time

6. Live in their own bubble in the world

- a. Do not see God working worldwide

7. Sickness is a judgment of sin upon the world

- a. We need to learn from it.
- b. We need to bear it like good soldiers

8. Few people receive healing

- a. Few people receive eternal life, even fewer receive healing
- b. Narrow is the gate, wide is the path to destruction (Matthew 7:13)
- c. Most good seed never makes' it to good ground (Matthew 13:18-23)

9. God is sovereign

- a. An excuse to nullify free choice
- b. An excuse not to seek God and His ways. Because God is going to have His way no matter what
- c. An excuse to make God's decisions arbitrary rather than whomsoever believes
- d. You never know what God is going to do
- e. An excuse not to have faith or have faith that doesn't make a difference

God is indeed sovereign in these ways...

- f. God is the only God, none before Him or after Him
- g. Jesus is the alpha and the omega, the first and the last
- h. Nothing happens in this world without God's knowledge
- i. Nothing happens in this world without God's judgment
- j. There are certain decisions God makes that have nothing to do with man's free will or response or faith
- k. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith, and there is no faith without grace
- l. God has delegated some of His sovereignty to man called free-will, or the choice on how to respond

10. The Gnosticism Influence

- i. Lie: Real life is in the spirit so nothing in the flesh matters
 - 1. John dealt with this in His gospel and small letters
- ii. Lie: All sin is in the natural, so destroying the body destroys sin
 - 1. People are in hell without a physical body today
- iii. Lie: God will destroy my body of sin, but I will live because I am spirit
 - 1. I am a new creation so anything I do in my body is irrelevant.
- iv. Lie: Dualism: natural or material is evil, spirituality is the only good
- v. Lie: Religious activity is accepted by God, but secular activity is not
- vi. Lie: The physical is inferior to the spiritual
- vii. Lie: My heart is good, my body is sinful and bad
 - We liked to think are heart and thoughts are always pure until they are revealed through our deeds.

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. - Matthew 15:19 NASU

- viii. Lie: All things earthly are inherently evil and should be shunned in favor of the spiritual.

To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. - Titus 1:15 NASU

- ix. Lie: Old testament is about the inferior natural body. The New Testament is about the superior spiritual body.
1. Under the Law versus under grace
 2. Old testament is about living right, New testament is about thinking right
 3. By His stripes we were healed

- x. Lie: Knowledge of God is the same as experiential (working) knowledge of God.

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. - James 1:22 NASU

- xi. Lie: Or spiritual experience is better than revealed knowledge.

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! - Galatians 1:6-9 NASU

- Bible is revealed knowledge
- Mormonism, a different gospel
- Spirituality, a different gospel
- Humanism, a different gospel
- Islam a different gospel

- xii. Lie: Pursuit of secret knowledge is prized over the revealed knowledge of God.
1. Secrets to why people are not healed
 2. Satan's secret knowledge to Adam and Eve, you will not die
 3. Puffed up imaginations, dreams and visions