

Foundational Healing Scriptures

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he **took up** our **infirmities** and carried our **sorrows**, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, and the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his **wounds** we **are healed**.

The Hebrew word for **infirmities** or **griefs** in the King James Version is translated 12 out of 14 times in the Bible as **sicknesses**. It is never translated as sin or sins.

H2483 (cholîy, khol-ee')

From H2470; *malady, anxiety, calamity*:—*disease, grief, sick (-ness)*.

In the original Hebrew the word for **sorrows** meant mental anguish.

H4341 (mak' ôb)

From H3510; *anguish or affliction*:—*grief, pain, sorrow*.

The word **took up** or **bare** from the King James Version implies substitution – **suffering for**; **not** suffering with. If Christ has taken our burden from the King James Version our sicknesses, why should we also have to bear them?

H5375 (nâsâ', naw-saw')

A primitive root; *to lift*:—*suffer, to bear (up), bring (forth), burn, carry (away), take away, up*

Verse 5 uses the word **wounds**, translated in other versions as **stripes** or **bruises**. It goes on to say that we are **healed**.

H7495 (râphâ', raw-faw')

A primitive root; *properly to mend (by stitching), that is to cure*:—*cure, (cause to) heal, physician, make whole*.

Matthew 8:16-17 (quoting the Isaiah 53 passage above)

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him [Jesus] and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "**He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.**"

The word **infirmities** in the Greek is G769 (astheneia, as-then'-i-ah)

From G772; *feebleness (of body or mind); by implication malady; moral frailty*:—*disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness*.

The word **diseases** is G3554; *of uncertain affinity; a malady*—*disease, infirmity, sickness*.

1 Peter 2:24 (quoting the Isaiah 53 passage)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; **by his wounds you have been healed**.

The word **wounds** is G3468 (molops, mo'-lopes)

A mole ("black eye") or blow mark:—*stripe*.

The word **healed** is G2390 (iaomai, ee-ah'-om-ahee)

To cure—*heal, make whole*.

In the incident of the brazen serpent in **Numbers 21:4-9**, God foreshadowed Christ's death on the cross. He also made clear again that **the blessing of redemption includes both the forgiveness of sins and the healing of disease.**

Psalm 103: 1-5

*Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits — **who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases**, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Also, in the New Testament Jesus shows us that His forgiving sin and healing power are closely linked and go hand in hand.

Matthew 9:1-8

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." And the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

This passage is repeated in **Luke 5:22-24**.

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Jesus shows His authority to forgive sins with the miracle of healing.