

Different views of miraculous physical healing in the Name of Jesus

1. **Cessationist** • the ‘sign’ Spiritual gifts were temporary, and have now ceased
Brethren • The purpose of these gifts was to give credence to the Apostles.
Presbyterian • Claims “Now the New Testament is written, they are not needed any more”
Dispensationalism • To the extreme, it is claimed that any healing done today is demonic
2. **Religious or Sacramental** • Healing is available through sacraments and liturgies of the church
• e.g. “The anointing of the Sick”, veneration of Religious icons.
• Some of these practices seen by most protestants as “idolatry”
3. **Word of Faith Movement**
 - Healing for all sickness and disease is available for all Christians who have enough faith
 - If you claim healing in the Name of Jesus and speak out that you are healed, you are healed – you just have to believe it and keep on believing it
 - Sometimes tells people to stop treatment because that demonstrates a lack of faith.
 - Very big in the Pentecostal churches. Prominent preachers include: Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Benny Hinn, Creflo Dollar, Joyce Meyer, Joel Osteen
 - Does not leave room for the sovereignty of God. “My will – not God’s will”
 - Physical evidence doesn’t stack up – why do any of the faithful ever die?
 - Promotes ‘Christian Hedonism’ – a quest for health, wealth and fun times (worldly)
 - Promotes False claims of healing – God wants real witnesses – not false witnesses

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4. **Miracle Crusaders** • Usually closely aligned with ‘Word of Faith’
• Much evidence of ungodly showy falseness
• Yet God does sometimes heal the individual who has faith in Christ
5. **New Age Spiritualism** • Other eastern religious practices get mixed up with Christianity
• Yoga, Tai Chi, Raki, Crystals.....
• Of other religions – other gods – have nothing to do with them
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Ask for healing, but also ask for strength and faith to glorify
God – no matter what God decides.

7. The Spiritual Gift of healing: Gifts of Healings

- A gift for the church – not all have this gift, but some do.
 - If the gift of healing is not being used, the body of Christ is not functioning
 - Every healing is an individual gift from God
 - Not a gift that enables someone to heal on demand (whoever/whenever)
1. There is no ‘set-in-stone’ formula for healing
 2. God is sovereign – Our Heavenly Father knows what’s best
 3. The world’s values are not our values
 4. Give God glory – He is with us – nothing can separate us from His love