

A Walking Miracle

My name is Jeremy Peters and this is my personal testimony to the saving, healing gospel of Jesus Christ. In April of 1996, I was on a vacation sponsored by the company I was working for at the time. The first night we had what you might refer to as a "meet and greet". There was a lot of eating, socializing, drinking, etc. going on. In the time that followed I joined in with the party and was intoxicated. What I didn't realize is that I was about to reap consequences for my sin. God's Word definitely condemns drunkenness (Ephesians 5: 18). I'm very thankful today that He has forgiveness for those who will forsake their sins (Proverbs 28:13)!

Later in the evening I was in one of the rooms of this large resort with a friend of mine. At the time we were just about to leave and catch some of the nightlife at some local bars and clubs with others in the company. My friend and I had both wrestled in school and used to share some of our old techniques from time to time. So before leaving we started jokingly wrestling around. He maneuvered what's called a double-leg takedown on me, and I went backwards with a great deal of force stopping suddenly with tremendous impact. There was a solid oak-type chest set against the wall behind me, and I slammed right into it head first. Needless to say there was no give on the part of the wall. I was instantly paralyzed and rendered without any ability to breathe. At that moment my spine was fractured and displaced at the second and third vertebrae. This is referred to as the Hangman's Fracture and in the majority of cases, results in death. This was the injury suffered by the late actor Christopher Reeve. An engineering grad student and his professor from Iowa State University used a sophisticated mathematical formula to estimate that my spine met with at least 897 lbs. per square inch upon impact.

My spinal cord was completely crushed; all of a sudden I was struggling with the feeling that I was about to die. Somehow my friend was able to call for help and also perform enough mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to keep me alive until the ambulance arrived. It was an extremely long and difficult process getting the ambulance to my location, so I believe the initial intervention of the Lord was there to give me the opportunity to stay alive so I could make the choice to give up my life of sin and receive His grace. My friend said later that it was a daunting task keeping me at least vaguely conscious until help arrived. I can remember fragments here and there of just plainly fighting to stay alive. It was a very surreal feeling as if there was sort of a deep sleep being forced upon me and struggling with all of my inner constitution if only to keep my eyes open. At the same time there was a spiritual dynamic at work as well.

I seemed to be aware that I could just "check out" so to speak and leave my body all together. Actually I had numerous opportunities in the following weeks to do so, but I honestly don't remember any moment considering that option. I was always highly tenacious and at times just plain stubborn, so you might say this situation provided a constructive application for that trait! When the ambulance finally arrived to transport me to the nearest hospital, my friend said it looked like I was gone. I was actually dead by cardiac arrest early on, but was able to be revived. They examined me and determined first of all, that I needed to be transported to Columbia University Hospital in Missouri, since that was the closest place equipped to handle such a severe case. Second of all, though Columbia was one of the highest-ranking spinal cord injury facilities in the nation, they determined that I would never walk again even though my surgery and rehab would be performed there. Due to the molecular structure of the human spinal cord it is scientifically impossible to repair such damage within the confines of modern medicine. Given this fact they reported that for the rest of my life I would be a quadriplegic. I don't recall sustained consciousness until sometime the following morning at Columbia.

They were trying to explain to me what happened. My only capability of response was to blink my eyes once for yes and twice for no. They went through the process of informing me that I would need a tracheotomy, which would connect me to an electronic ventilation system since I had lost the ability to breathe. Soon after that they performed surgery to permanently stabilize my vertebrae. There was nothing, however, to be done in correcting the damage to the spinal cord. Science is still working on a cure for spinal cord injuries.



Approximately ten days later came the final prognosis. It indicated that I would require extensive rehabilitation, but the damage was permanent and so the condition would be. I would need to learn to operate what is called a "sip and puff wheelchair", which is maneuvered through a mechanism that allows you to activate it with a straw. But I believed in my heart that Jesus Christ was my physician and that He was not limited to science.

I placed myself in the hands of The Great Physician. I had very little faith at the time but then again it only takes a little faith to move mountains (Mark 11:23). Throughout the whole experience I also had others praying for me including my mother who was at my bedside most of the time. I had been attending a church that year, but obviously my life was full of hypocrisy. At the time I was letting my commitment to God slip, and I was starting to revisit my old life of sin. I thought I could live with one foot in church and the other in the bar. It doesn't work that way (Matthew 24:48-51). I never asked my pastor at that time if he had any idea that I was a hypocrite, but obviously he found out in this case. Nevertheless, he knew I needed to be restored to a right relationship with God and was accustomed to praying for people in need of healing (Mark 16: 18 says that believers will lay hands on the sick and they will recover). He quickly traveled to the facility in order to pray God's Word concerning the situation. This time of prayer actually took place before my surgery, and none of the professionals involved in my care would entertain the idea that I would recover. I remember hearing about some of my co-workers asking the staff if there was any chance of me walking again and they wouldn't even acknowledge the question. Their only reply was, "Let's just see if we can keep him alive."

The doctors would scoff at my mother's comments about me being healed. At one time she was having a conversation with the surgeon who performed my operation, and she told him we were trusting God for my healing. He said, "Yeah, yeah. Sure, sure." and immediately turned his back on her and left the room. I never begrudged him for thinking as he did or any of the other staff for that matter. It's a rare thing for people in this field to look beyond empirical evidence. It's what their training requires of them, and they are certainly saving a lot of lives. Nevertheless we remained steadfastly fixed on the Word of God for the evidence of things unseen (non-empirical). Here I was age 26 and apparently had lost everything, but with God all things are possible (Luke 18:27).

I remember being awakened in the middle of the night often to the sound of people yelling, "Clear!!" or other commotion's involving life threatening emergencies. I was always relieved to open my eyes and realize that I was still alive. I would hear the rescue helicopters landing and I would thank God each time because I knew that at least I was past that point. At the same time they were having difficulty keeping me on life support. I had developed clinical pneumonia and other complications, which is quite common. My lungs were filling up with secretions and almost completely collapsed. It appeared as if I was standing at the end of my life on a slippery stone. But God was faithful to His word and I was learning more about my redemption every day. One of my aunts visited me and gave me some audio teachings regarding biblical truths on divine healing. I learned that I could trust in the power of God's Word like one would trust in a miracle prescription that cures any disease. These teachings dramatically strengthened my faith! I would listen to them a lot during the day and at night I would listen to music playing continually with lyrics that were from scriptures on healing. I was constantly being fed God's word, which is THE miracle cure, and actual medicine for any type of infirmity or disease (Proverbs 4:20-22). I learned that Jesus laid down His life not only to free us from sin but also from infirmity and sickness (Matthew 8:17 & 1 Peter 2:24). Not only did I recover my lung capacity but something miraculous was just on the horizon.

One day as I woke from my sleep my mom told me that she saw my legs move slightly. I looked down, and as I was in the habit of doing, I would will them to move. I say will them to move because I had little or no sensation at the time so that's all I could do. But this time they moved! Oh, just barely, but they moved. My mom and I had been listening to those messages and being taught that you must believe you have received the answer to your prayer before you see it. Hebrews 11:1 says faith is the evidence of things unseen. We learned to give praise and worship to God for the sacrifice that took place 2,000 years ago to bear this burden. I can still remember her lifting my lifeless arms in her hands and waving our hands together in praise to God. Sometimes you have to be willing to do something that seems totally radical and completely irrational because at all cost you must believe! When this manifestation finally took place, none of the caregivers were willing to believe it at first. They thought they would have to break the news to us that it was just a muscle spasm.

When they found out I could actually move my legs on command, it was like an ICU unit turned upside down. People were running in and out of my room shouting, "Oh my G--!" I've often wished I could've spoken at the time. I could've exclaimed, "He's the one behind all of this!" From that time my room continued to be filled with more people each consecutive day when the doctors would make their rounds. I remember the head of staff standing over my bed looking down at me. I wish I had a picture of the expression on his face. I recall people smiling and shaking their heads in amazement and saying things like, "I guess you were right about those prayers". But this man's expression was different. It looked as if he was standing over someone who was raised from the dead or something. As if he'd seen a ghost you might say. With this solemn look of fear on his face, he stared down at me and simply said, "Jeremy, we just don't see this." He didn't say it was seldom or rarely seen. He said, "We just DON'T see this."

As the days continued, my movement progressed. I was able to start exercising my legs in bed. I remember it seemed like sheer torture to go through the process at times. Nobody could advise me concerning the experience with any real accuracy if they had never seen such a recovery. Many things happened in the four months that followed. As I said before, I started exercising in bed, which led to learning to sit up as more of my body began to move. I remember it being the most exhausting experience just to sit upright on the edge of my bed. I later moved from the ICU into the next phase, which was full-on rehabilitation. I can tell you frankly, that it was much easier being debilitated than rehabilitated. Everyone warned me about it, telling me to get ready for boot camp. But I thank God for every grueling moment, believe me! It was a huge obstacle getting beyond the ventilator above all else. It took me two and a half months before I was able to breathe completely free of it, and it really sapped a lot of my stamina. It was an abnormal process because my involuntary breathing came subsequent to my voluntary breathing. In other words, whenever I fell asleep I would stop breathing again even though I could breathe consciously. I would awaken out of nightmares that I was drowning or smothering, gasping for air. I went several days battling through severe sleep deprivation before I finally broke through.

At this point I appeared to be little more than a skeleton. I remember being excited that I wouldn't have to sleep in this restricted posture due to the ventilator, but all I could feel was my bones rubbing together. However, after the vent battle was over I was able to move more rapidly to walking with less assistance, and believe it or not, within four months of my injury I was ready to be released. Don't misunderstand me; I was still severely handicapped and not able to care for myself, but by the power and great mercy of God I was now being referred to as a walking miracle. I was completely wheelchair-free and walking with the simple aid of a single-tip cane. I went on to outpatient therapy and soon was able to walk without the cane. It's an honor to testify of the saving power of Christ Jesus!



My purpose in making my testimony known is really twofold. One is to make known the will of God as it pertains to divine healing, but that is only a distant second to my first and primary purpose in writing this. If we could enjoy the most vibrant health imaginable in this lifetime, it's only a quickly vanishing vapor in comparison to eternity. So the number one objective is of eternal consequence. God's greatest concern is with the life that will never end. I want my purpose to be His.

My problem at the time of April 1996 was the age-old condition of man's rebellion against his Creator. It's the only real problem God has in His universe. Sin. Sin defined is breaking God's law or commands (1 John 3:4). If you go back to the first man and woman God created, and you take away sin, what do you have? A perfect relationship between God and man. There was no disease, infirmity or even death before sin. God was never angry with man before sin. God had no controversy with man before sin. You'll notice in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy that God declares every disease to be under the curse of disobedience. While I certainly believe many injuries, sicknesses or infirmed conditions can result from circumstances unrelated to sin in a direct sense, in my case there was blatant sin. Psalm 107 is clear regarding this in verse 17: *"Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted."* If you read on in the chapter you realize the great mercy of our Heavenly Father (verses 18-19): *"Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, [and] he saveth them out of their distresses. (19) He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered [them] from their destructions.* I thank God today that I made it to verse 19! There is a way to restore fellowship between our Creator and us. It is through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

The prime product of our salvation is having eternal fellowship with God to His glory. One of the byproducts of that salvation is divine health and healing (3 John 1:2 *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*).

So let's start with the prime issue. We have a Creator who designed us for a relationship with Him. The easiest way to affirm this is to consult our conscience. Every human being has the same conscience. We recognize good and evil. When you see someone robbed, lied to or abused in any way your conscience cries out against it. Your knowledge of right and wrong condemns injustice. God's Word states that His Law is written on our heart, and that our OWN hearts condemn US when we break God's law (Romans 2:15 / 1 John 3:19-20). The problem is, we like to let ourselves slide a little easier than when we see someone else trespass. The Apostle Paul discusses this scenario in Romans 2:21-23. Using myself as an example, I would get very angry if I discovered someone had lied to me. However, I wasn't so hard on myself when I would "stretch the truth a bit" for advantage. We use these expressions like, "stretch the truth" and, "little white lies" etc., to trivialize breaking God's Law. We placate our guilty conscience, but all the while we have separated ourselves from God (Isaiah 59:1-2 *Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid [his] face from you, that he will not hear*). This inescapable truth within us validates the supremacy of the God of the Bible, and beyond that it shows us our responsibility towards Him.

We all have an impartial judge (conscience) within us that lowers the gavel every time we time we commit wrong doing. The word conscience means "with knowledge" (con - with / science - knowledge). If you notice it doesn't require any particular religious training to know it was wrong every time you told a lie. You did it "with knowledge" that it was wrong. That's the 9th of God's Ten Commandments. You shall not bear false witness (tell a lie). You can find where the Ten Commandments were given in Exodus 20. Is it a coincidence that we all have this embedded knowledge of right and wrong? Of course not. We were all created by the same God. It simply proves what His Word says in Romans 2:15 *"Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and [their] thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."* Jesus taught that the whole law was fulfilled by loving God supremely and loving your fellow man as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40). So I blew it! I had told lies. I had stolen. By human standards I could've thought more highly of myself than the serial thief. I could say all I ever stole were minor things a couple times when I was young, but I still broke the 8th Commandment.

I had taken God's name in vain and broken 3rd Commandment. That's called blasphemy. I never despised Adolf Hitler's name enough to use it profanely or flippantly, but I did it with the name of the One who gave me everything. Adultery is breaking the 7th Commandment. Jesus said, "*But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*" I was guilty of that thousands of times I'm sure. So judging by only a few of the Commandments, I was a liar, thief, adulterer and blasphemer. Not only that, the Bible says people who have sex outside of marriage are idolaters under God's wrath (Ephesians 5:6 / Colossians 3:6), and people who get drunk cannot enter God's kingdom (1Corinthians 6:9-10). I was in big trouble with God! In light of all of this, how could I not marvel at the awesome grace and mercy of a holy, perfect God who would be willing under any condition to set aside His anger and wrath that I so justly deserved!

Can you relate? Maybe you look at my story and say, "I'm not as bad as all that." Or maybe you're thinking the opposite. Possibly you think my record looks mild compared to yours. But horizontal comparisons really aren't the standard. The book of James (2:10) says this: "*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all.*" If all you've done is broken the 9th Commandment, for example and lied, here's the outcome shown in Revelation (21:8): "*...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone...*" The first thing we all need to see is that we have broken God's holy law. When we realize the motive in coming to God must be to throw ourselves on His mercy because of our incredible guilt, we can find grace in His sight. If we come to Him with a self-centered opportunistic mindset, He sees right through it. I wanted God to be Santa Clause. I discovered the folly in this sort of believing the hard way, BUT it was much easier than eternity in Hell! I can't stand the thought of anyone going to Hell if I can have anything to do with it. That's why I've devoted my time to spreading the Gospel. Please consider these things if you haven't put your faith in Christ yet. Acknowledge your sins against His perfect law and your need for forgiveness.

Maybe you've been a "Christian" in name only like I was. You want to be saved in your sins instead of being saved from your sins. Maybe you want to be saved from Hell, but you don't want to be saved from pornography, sex outside of marriage, lust or drunkenness. This is having what the book of James calls dead faith that can't save anyone (James 2:14-26). He writes that even the devil has this kind of faith, but I guarantee you won't be seeing him in Heaven (Revelation 20:10). Here's what 1 John 2 says: "*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*" Of course, as you read in the previous paragraph, the fate of all liars is the same as the devil. That's where I was headed. I talked it but didn't walk it. So if you are a hypocritical, professing believer like I was or someone who has never professed faith in Christ at all, there is still hope!

Here's the good news:

2 Peter 3:9 – "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"

Isaiah 55:7 – "*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*" God's Word is clear that He desires to save! However, we must realize that His terms are non-negotiable. I mean He is God after all. Notice above in 2 Peter it shows the opposite of "perish" to be "repentance". Repentance means a complete change of mind and purpose proven by the act of forsaking one's sins. You'll notice the phrase above from Isaiah "forsake his way". Imagine in a natural law scenario that someone is pardoned of his or her crime. The pardon would, of course, be conditional that the perpetrator wouldn't return to breaking the law. There are many scriptures that speak to this principal. I'll list a few references for you to study on this subject: Matthew 7:21-23, Luke 6:46-49, John 15:5-6, Romans 11:12, 2 Corinthians 5:10-11, Titus 2:11-15, Hebrews 5:9, 10:26-31, Hebrews 12:14-15, 1 John 2:3-4, 1 John 5:3, Revelation 22:14-15, Revelation 14:12.

When Jesus Christ walked this earth, He had a much greater purpose than many people think. He was God in the flesh (1Timothy 3:16). He lived a perfect, sinless life all for the purpose of laying it down as a sacrifice for our sins.

Here is how the Bible describes the purpose in His sufferings 1 Peter 2:21-24: *“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed [himself] to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”*

Jesus was raised from the dead after His crucifixion and lives forever! God's willingness to forgive every sin you've ever committed is based on the fact that Jesus Christ bore and suffered under the burden of your sins already. The Father can accept the shed blood of His only begotten Son as a payment for your crimes. He can allow you to be pardoned and go free! As you see also in this scripture, it ends by saying, *“by whose stripes ye were healed.”* The stripes refer to the physical beating He took before being nailed to the cross. Again, He suffered for you. In this case it points to the suffering born by Him specifically for healing. I noted before that every sickness and disease was declared to be under the curse of disobedience to God's law (Deuteronomy 28). This is referred to in scripture as *“the curse of the law”*.

The good news is, Jesus has made deliverance from the curse of the law available to all who will receive it from Him. Galatians 3:13 *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree.”* You will never find one case in scripture where someone approached Jesus in faith asking for healing, where He said no. The Bible declares: Hebrews 13:8 – *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”* He never changes! He was the Healer then, and He's the Healer now.

If you're not saved from your sins, don't let another minute go by before you repent (give up your sins) and become born again. Being born again is receiving a new heart from God. Jesus said *“you must be born again”* in order to see the kingdom of God (John 3:7). Just tell God you're truly sorry for breaking His law and ask His forgiveness. Then if you confess Jesus as Lord (one whom you pledge to obey) and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you will be saved. That's what Romans 10:9 says. After you've received His deliverance from the bondage of sin, receive Jesus as your physician and be made whole!

As you can see, I certainly did nothing to earn my healing from God. I did nothing to deserve my eternal salvation. My life was full of rebellion and thumbing my nose at the Word of God. Yet when I saw the error of my ways, repented and returned to Him, He received me with open arms of compassion just like the father of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). I highly recommend reading the 33rd chapter of Job. I was astonished when I first read it. It could have been my own biography. It talks about consequences of ignoring God's warnings, even describing in detail about being struck with pain in bed and bones sticking out from bodily wasting. BUT as you read on it discusses restoration. It talks of healing (vs.25), and says in verses 27-30: *“He looketh upon men, and [if any] say, I have sinned, and perverted [that which was] right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these [things] worketh God oftentimes with man, To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living”*.

So please understand, if you're still living, there's still grace available. You can see there was nothing extraordinary about me that I should be afforded some special blessing. I was just a sinner who surrendered to God and got saved! He wants the same for you!

Before closing, I'll reinforce the principal by which anyone who gives their life to the Lord can be healed. After you have repented (forsaken your sins) and trusted in the shed blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you from your sins, God has now adopted you as His very own. You are a born again child of God! God can now declare you blessed. That means, as scripture states, that you are delivered from the curse of the law. Since all disease is under the curse of the law you are legally released from all disease. If you notice all of this is contained in God's written Word.

Look at Proverbs 4:20-22: "*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they [are] life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh*". See the relationship that God makes imperative to His Word? He says "attend to" "incline thine ear". He commands us to NEVER let them depart from our eyes. We are to see everything through the standard of His Word. So, it's vital for you to give as much time as possible to reading, hearing and speaking the Word. He says it's health to all your flesh if you "find" it. The original Hebrew word for "find" means to seek out, secure, obtain, meet, fall in with, discover, etc. The word for "health" literally means medicine. Imagine holding a miracle cure in your hands. What would you do with it? You would take it exactly how the directions prescribed. You would get it in you, and you wouldn't miss a dose, right? If you are in need of healing, you simply need a constant dosage of God's Word. When the Word gets in you, it transforms you from the inside out. I recommend spending as many hours as you can every day feeding on the Word. Jesus said in Luke 4:4 "*...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*" When you're not reading it, have it on audio format, and listen to it as much as possible. God's Word is your lifeline. His Spirit only moves in accordance with His Word.

Here are some specific scriptures and examples of prayer using God's Word. As you pray and listen to God's Word, there is something vital to remember as well as your personal benefit. The larger picture is how your life can be a light to others in darkness. We are commanded by God to preach the Gospel to everyone (Mark 16:15). You can simply take the information in this article, apply it to your life and share it with others. Why? Because it's the truth of God's Word, not my opinion or that of anyone else. Trust God and He will help you let your light shine (Matthew 5:14)!

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

John 16:23 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Heavenly Father, I ask forgiveness for my sins and repent turning to you. I receive Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior and Healer. I thank You that You sent Him to bear by sins, sicknesses and infirmities. I believe You raised Him from the dead and I confess right now, Jesus, You are my Lord forever.

Matthew 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

I thank you Father God that Your Word declares healing provision made for me. I believe that Your Word is constantly working in me to make me completely free from any symptoms of (state your condition). Jesus took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses. By His stripes I am healed.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Lord, I give you thanks in the name of Jesus that your will for me is to walk in good health and to prosper as my soul prospers. I accept your power to make my body well and soul and life to prosper in your perfect will. Thank You for loving me, and thank You for healing me.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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Psalm 107:19-20 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

I give you praise, Lord God, that You and Your Word are one. Your Word is medicine to my entire body. I have received my healing by faith because you said your Word heals. I ask to be complete and entire, fully strengthened according to your Word. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Luke 3:16 - John answered, saying unto [them] all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Heavenly Father I thank you for the promise of your Holy Ghost baptism. I receive that from you right now by faith. Thank you for filling me with your Holy Spirit.

For my final remarks I want to say, **never, ever, ever, give up!** Sometimes, especially in severe cases, the healing results may take time before you can actually see and feel everything. As a matter of fact, I came very close to death after my first healing prayers, but as we continued to trust in Him the results gradually became seen. Remember Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is the evidence of the things unseen. That's not to say your healing couldn't quickly appear. There have been multitudes of instantaneous healings, but the point is to keep your prayers in a mode of praise and thanksgiving rather than asking over and over. You actually never have to ask more than once. God has no hearing impairment. When He hears your prayer offered in faith, it's settled. IF your prayer is offered from a pure heart and in accordance with His will. All you need to do is thank Him for what He has already done. You may have to really be tried with your patience, but keep trusting in Christ. He is faithful!

Also, If you remember only one thing ... the Word ... the Word ... the Word. Never forget to take your medicine. Remember in Proverbs 4:20-22 He literally gives us a prescription for divine health. It is, once again, His Word. So read it, hear it, and think about it as much as you possibly can, and whenever you get the chance speak it out loud. The reason for that is, God has given you the power of life and death in the gift of your tongue (Proverbs 18:21). Don't worry if your condition harms your speaking ability. I couldn't speak for a while myself. But God hears the communication of your spirit as well, and He will answer your prayers. If all you can do is "say within yourself" (Matthew 9:21) you can start with that. Just never let His promises escape you. I will be praying for anyone who reads this article and believing with you. Have faith in God. He wants you well, full of strength and peace. You can be a living testimony to the love, power and redemption of Jesus Christ the Lord!

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