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HEALING POWER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

A 90-DAY DEVOTIONAL



DAY 6 FORGIVEN AND HEALED

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.

-Psalm 103:2-3

t's interesting that the apostle Paul draws our attention to the reason many Christians are weak, sick, and even dying prematurely. I am not saying every believer's sickness is due to this, but God's Word highlights it. This is good news because it means that when we know what this reason is, we can avoid it. Paul says, "For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep" (1 Cor. 11:29–30).

The "reason" highlighted by Paul is "not discerning the Lord's body." The word *discerning* is translated from the Greek word *diakrino*, which means "to make a distinction." There are some who recognize that Jesus' blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins, but they don't recognize that His body was broken so that our bodies can be well. There are also those who lump both the bread and cup as one, seeing both as representing the forgiveness of sins instead of separating the two. But the same Jesus who purchased the forgiveness of all our sins also removed all our diseases. The failure to make a distinction and see that the Lord's body was broken for our diseases to be healed causes many to be sick and weak.

If many are sick and weak because they have failed to discern the Lord's body, then it stands to reason the opposite is true: those who discern that His body was broken for their health will be healthy and strong and will live good, long lives! There is such healing power in the holy Communion, but too many people have been robbed of this gift either because they do not know about it or because they have been taught wrongly about what the Lord meant for it to be. I believe that as you grow in your revelation of how His body was broken for yours to be whole, you will find yourself receiving a greater and greater measure of His healing and divine life!

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Every time we partake of the Lord's body, we are ingesting health, vitality, strength, and long life. If there is disease in the body, the disease will be supernaturally driven out. If there is decay and degeneration, the deterioration will be reversed. If there is pain, it will be removed. The results may not be spectacular and immediate, but they are sure and will surely come. And I pray you will experience them for yourself.

TODAY'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing me how to rightly discern Your body as I partake of the holy Communion. Thank You for loving me so much, You allowed Your body to be broken for mine to be whole. You suffered so that I don't have to bear the symptoms and pains in my body. I believe that even now, You are driving out disease and removing all my pain. Through the Communion, I believe I am receiving more and more of Your health, vitality, strength, and long life. Amen.