

What's On My Heart



Protestants believe that through Christ they have been given direct access to God, just like a priest; thus the doctrine is called the **priesthood** of all **believers**. God is equally accessible to all the faithful, and every Christian has equal potential to minister for God.



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Truths about Sickness and Sin

(How we priests
can care for each other.)

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Chuck's Five Foundational Truths

about **Sickness & Sin** + *Brad's #6*

Care receivers and care givers must understand!

1. There are two classifications of sin.

- Original Sin. [Romans 5:12](#)

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man...

- Personal Sin. [Romans 3:23](#)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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2. Original Sin introduced sickness and death to the human race. [Romans 5:12](#)

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned

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3. Sometimes there is a direct link between personal sin and sickness. 1 Chronicles 10:13, 1 Corinthians 11:29-30

Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord; he did not keep the word of the Lord and even consulted a medium for guidance,

For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

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4. Sometimes there is no relationship between personal sin and sickness. Acts 3:2, John 9:1-3

Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg...

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus

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5. It is not God's will that everyone be healed. [2 Cor 12:7-9](#)

...Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

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6. Sometimes God gives an affliction to show His
Glory. [John 9:1-3](#)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

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1. There are two classifications of sin.
 - Original Sin
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2. OS introduced sickness and death to humans.
3. Sometimes there is a direct link between PS and sickness.
4. Sometimes there is no relationship between PS / sickness.
5. It is not God's will that everyone be healed.
6. Sometimes God gives an affliction to show His Glory.

Five Steps That A Sick Church Member Should Follow

How can the care giver help the care receiver?

1. Seek medical and spiritual attention. [James 5:14](#)

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:14 Explained

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Sick – (astheneō), without strength, powerless, incapacitated. (Not a mild ailment.)

Elders – (presbyteros) Spiritual leaders of the local church. (Appointed leaders/pastoral staff.)

Anoint – (aleiphō, ~~not mashach (consecration) – 1Sam 16:13~~) Application of oil (with perfume). Mat 6:17, Mar 6:13, Mar 16:1, Luk 7:38, Luk 7:46, Jhn 11:2

–grooming, medicine, odor relief

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Why Oil?

In those days, oil was regularly used upon the sick to initiate/aid the healing process.

Luke 10:34 - The Good Samaritan caring for the injured man – “He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.”

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Why Elders?

In those days, medical professionals were few. Church elders (spiritual leaders) served many roles –including practicing physician.

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Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

1. The sick person takes the initiative to summon the elders (spiritual leaders).
2. The elders anoint them with oil (provide medicine) and pray over them. *Greek construct: anoint before prayer.*
3. The results are left in the Name of The Lord!

Whether results come by medicine or prayer, they are provided by The Lord!

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(Chuck's Story)

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In desperation we become vulnerable to fraud!

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5. In all situations, be content and glorify God!

Proverbs 3:6, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Philippians 4:12