

THE HEALING POWER OF COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

I. HEALING IS PROVIDED FOR US IN THE ATONEMENT (Is 53:4-5).

- A. *Sickness and disease are part of the curse* (Rom 5:12, 8:20-23).
- B. *Healing is a positional reality* (1 Pet 2:24, Psa 103:1-3).
- C. *It can and should become an experiential reality* (Phil 3:10-14).
- D. *Failing to recognize the body of Christ is one of the things that contribute to the causes of sickness* (1 Cor 11:27-30).
 - 1. Not understanding the significance of the sacrifice Christ made (1 Cor 11:23-26).
 - 2. Not understanding that the body and blood of Christ is the source of our life (Jn 6:38-58).
 - 3. Not recognizing our connection to and dependence upon the corporate body of Christ (1 Cor 10:16-17, 11:33).

III. COMMUNION IS A POWERFUL WAY GOD BRINGS HEALING TO US.

- A. *Partaking of Christ helps us abide in Christ* (Jn 6:56).
- B. *Partaking of and abiding in Christ produces life* (Jn 6:51, 57, Lev 17:11).
- C. *As Christ's life increases in us, His health increases in us* (1 Cor 11:30, Psa 105:37, Mal 4:1-2).