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GOLDEN TEXT

Luke 5:12 And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “**Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.**” Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, “**I am willing; be cleansed.**” Immediately the leprosy left him. (NKJV)

Luke 5:12-13 While He was in one of the towns, there came a man full of (covered with) leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, Lord, **if You are willing**, You are able to cure me and make me clean. And [Jesus] reached out His hand and touched him, saying, **I am willing**; be cleansed! And immediately the leprosy left him. (AMP)

*In the Living Bible is written Jesus said **OF COURSE I WILL.***

COMMENTS

Millions of Christians don't agree that it is God's Will to heal everyone, all the time. Why are we praying if it is God's Will because God is going to do His Will when he wants to? Then why pray?

You can't be in faith to be healed and questioning His Will. Faith begins where the Will of God is known. It begins with hunger. We need to be hungry. There is so much more. You must know His Will.

REASON 12 THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE RESURRECTION

1. **God's Word Is Medicine**
2. **A Strong Spirit Will Sustain You**
3. **The Original Creation**
4. **God's Will in Heaven**
5. **Origin of Sickness**
6. **Sickness is the Work of The Devil**
7. **Covenant of Healing**
8. **Eternal Names of God**
9. **Sickness is Part of the Curse of the Law**
10. **Types of Healing in Redemption**
11. **Healing is Part of Redemption**
12. **The First Fruits (earnest) of The Resurrection**

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (NKJV)

There is no blessing available to mankind except through Jesus. If anyone ever was healed it is based upon what Jesus has done. We believe in the resurrection. If you don't believe that, then you are lost.

People are making less of Jesus. What is a Christian without Christ. Nothing. Christianity is born out of miracles.

The body matters to God. It matters to Him now and it matters to Him in the future.

1 Corinthians 6:11-20 And **such were** some of you. But you were (are) **washed**, but you were (are) **sanctified**, but you were (are) **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the **body is not for sexual immorality** but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And **God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power**. Do you not know **that your bodies are members of Christ?** Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? **Certainly not!** Or do you not know that he who is **joined to a harlot is one body with her?** For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own?** For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.** (NKJV)

Your body has been bought and paid for. Say to yourself, this body is a member of Christ. This body will be changed at the atomic cellular level. It will never be subject to aging again. He’s going to change your body to be made like His Body.

Jesus appeared to His disciples in His Body. He ate food. He could move quickly. Jesus redeemed us spirit, soul and body.

If He is raised from the dead, then we are raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:1-28 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that **He rose again** the third day according to the Scriptures, and that **He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.** For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. **Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty**

and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. **For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile;** you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now **Christ is risen from the dead**, and has become **the firstfruits** of those who **have fallen asleep**. For since by man came death, by **Man also came the resurrection of the dead**. For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ all shall be made alive**. But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. **For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For "He has put all things under His feet."** But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. (NKJV)

FIRST FRUITS [*aparche /ap-ar-khay/*] *n f.* From a compound of 575 and 756; TDNT 1:484; TDNTA 81; GK 569; Eight occurrences; AV translates as "firstfruits" eight times. 1 to offer firstlings or firstfruits. 2 to take away the firstfruits of the productions of the earth which was offered

to God. The first portion of the dough, from which sacred loaves were to be prepared. Hence term used of persons consecrated to God for all time. 3 persons superior in excellence to others of the same class. (Enhanced Strong's Lexicon)

If we believe that He can raise a body that is completely decomposed the HEALING is possible and God can do great things in a living body. God knows how to fix and reassemble this body.

Ephesians 1:11-14 In Him also we have **obtained an inheritance**, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until the **redemption of the purchased possession**, to the praise of His glory. (NKJV)

When He bought and paid for your resurrection He also bought your body. He can heal you and put new organs in and heal you all the way up to the resurrection of the dead. The Holy Spirit in you now is the earnest payment and is paid right now. The earnest payment signifies that the full payment will be made in the future. It has the connotation of an engagement ring. An engagement ring isn't a wedding ring.

The Holy Spirit is what Jesus Christ asked God to give us as a promise of the full payment to come in the future. The Holy Spirit makes the earnest available to us now.

The earnest was a relatively small part of what is paid now or right now that is representative of the rest that we will get later. Earnest is now. You get to wear the engagement ring before you get married.

Ephesians 1:11-14 In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and **we obtained an inheritance**; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will, So that we who first hoped in Christ [who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to] live for the praise of His glory! In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, **were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit**. That [Spirit] is the **guarantee of our inheritance [the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage]**, in anticipation of **its full redemption and our acquiring [complete] possession of it**—to the praise of His glory. (The Amplified Bible)

1 Corinthians 15:49-54 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also **bear the image of the heavenly Man**. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; **nor does corruption inherit incorruption**. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we

shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So **when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality**, (NKJV)

The Glory of God is going to come over the body and it is going to be change. The Glory of God is going to hit you and flow through you. No more wrinkles or imperfections. Everything is going to be perfect. We will be caught up with Him in the air. We will be together forever.

Is your body bought and paid for? Is your body part of the eternal plan of redemption. He has bought it and paid for it. He has made a plan to remove everything that has damaged it. Why raise the dead? Why bring them out of the graves? Because He cares about your body.

Jesus has the legal right to do anything to your body. This includes raising you from the dead. If He can raise you from the dead, He has a right to heal your body.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the **life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body**. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the **life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh**. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 Always carrying about in the body the liability and exposure to the same putting to death that the Lord Jesus suffered, so that **the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be shown forth by and in our bodies**. For we who live are constantly [experiencing] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that **the**

[resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced through our flesh which is liable to death. (The Amplified Bible.)

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, **that mortality may be swallowed up by life.** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the **Spirit as a guarantee.** (NKJV)

***EARNEST** [arrhabon /ar-hrab-ohn/] n m. Of Hebrew origin 6162; TDNT 1:475; TDNTA 80; GK 775; Three occurrences; AV translates as “**earnest**” three times. 1 an earnest. 1a money which in purchases is given as **a pledge or downpayment** that the full amount will subsequently be paid. (Enhanced Strong's Lexicon)*

You can claim the earnest and have a mini resurrection in your body in the form of healing for your mortal body. The Holy Spirit is already in you and He can make alive parts of your mortal body.

Romans 8:11 But if the **Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you,** **He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you. (NKJV)