

sure, or of a broken relationship, or of anxiety, jealousy, depression or fear, or whatever – you are the one who has the gift of healing. With this understanding of the gift of healing, I am grateful to say that many times in many areas, I have received God's gift of healing. For others, I am a channel through which His healing flows, but for myself, I am a recipient of many of God's healing gifts.

The familiar illustration about the electric wire and the electricity running through it makes clear the difference between faith healing and God's healing. The wire through which the electricity flows may be likened to faith. The wire is just a wire. It has no light or power. It simply serves as a channel through which the electricity flows. The wire cannot make the light burn. The power is in the electricity. The electricity flowing through the wire is charged with light and power. Faith, then, is like the wire. It is not the power, but only the means through which the power flows. Now, the electricity is like God's love – His goodness, His mercy, His living Spirit. God's love flowing through a believing person is divine power and the only power that heals. Thus, when a person says, "faith healing," he is incorrect. Faith cannot heal you. When a person speaks of a "faith healer," he is even more incorrect for no person, not the preacher, nor the doctor, nor the nurse, nor any other human can heal. God is the One and the Only One who can heal. God can and does use preachers, doctors, nurses and others as channels of His healing, but if there be any healing, it comes from God.

One great thing that human beings can do (and doctors are often very effective in this field) is to relieve the sick of fear. A patient may be in excruciating pain, but when the doctor says, "You are going to be okay", the person believes what the doctor says. Though the pain is as sharp as ever, the fear is gone, thus enabling the healing forces of God within the mind and the body to work effectively. Or once again, the tender, compassionate touch of a nurse of a

loved one can minister unto a patient in such a way that the healing blocks within him to make him well. Furthermore, a friend can minister unto the sick in such an effective way that God's love can flow through to lift a patient's depression, to overcome his loneliness and inspire him with the will to live. In these cases, the doctor, the nurse and the friend do not do the healing, nor does the faith of the sick one to receive the gift of healing. The source of the healing of the healing is God, the channels of the healing is God, the channels of the healing are believing and caring people, and the recipients of the healing are the ones who have the faith to accept the healing gift of God.

Because churches have been silent in teaching about the Healing Christ, erroneous teachings have been spread abroad and have become "Gospel truth" for many. The erroneous ideas about faith healing and a faith healer needs to be eradicated from the minds of those who hold such heretical beliefs. One reason why I have invited 15 lay people to help with the laying-on-of-hands at our Sunday morning healing service is not just to speed up the service so we can have it within an hour's time; and not merely for these fine men and women to make witness to their faith that Jesus is alive and continues to heal today; and not merely because of their ability to make a beautiful healing prayer. The reason I like to have them help is to teach the truth. These believing lay people clearly reveal that the healing ministry is not a one-man's operation.

Furthermore, the presence of these lay people teaches that God works through various people. The healing ministry is not the work of just the rec-tor and these fifteen lay people. It is the church's ministry of healing working through the entire congregation. That is why I always ask you to pray silently while the verbal prayer is being made. The healing ministry is the divine work and calling, not of an individual here and there.

OSL REGION 7 HEALING CONFERENCE

The Kingdom, the Power & the Glory

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