John Newlin Ministries, Inc.

- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

WHY DIE BEFORE YOUR TIME?

Recently I went to my high school class reunion. I admit I thought long about not going, but in the end there I was. It turned out to be much more enjoyable than I had anticipated – seeing old acquaintances even if I didn't recognize them at first, looking over old pictures.

But there was one troubling thing. I had known a few of the classmates had died over the years. Every five years or so the group that puts on the reunion has an update of those who have passed on. As I thought about going to the reunion my mind drifted to old friends who have departed this life. Of my really close friends, four in high school and one in both high school and college, three were now deceased. That's 60 %!

As I prepared to go, I also thought about the boy my age who had lived on one side of my childhood home and the girl who had lived on the other, also my age. For some reason the girl had been coming to my mind for weeks. When we got to the reunion the man who had been the boy next door was sitting at the next table, and it was good to see him. But then I had a shock. In looking through the paper materials, I saw that the girl who had grown up beside me had died two months before! Now I know why she kept coming to my attention!

So in my life, sixty per cent of my close high school friends and half of my neighbor friends are now dead. And I'm not really that old!!! In our class perhaps fifty out of a class of over 400 are now deceased! What is going on? These people all died many years before the modern average life expectancy of an American. A couple may have been killed in a war or car accident, but not most. Why did they die before their time? Was it before their time? Well, I can't answer that for all, but I am reasonably certain the answer is yes for most. (continued on page 2)

Signs of the Times: ARE YOU WATCHING THE AMAZING EVENTS OF OUR DAY WITH GREAT DISCERNMENT?

Did you see this article? It was sent this last week to all on our email list. It's all about the extraordinary resignation of Pope Benedict, the amazing prophecies for centuries of what is happening, and what may be coming next. Another major step in the march to the return of the Lord? Read it on our web site or contact us for a copy – and give us your email address if you have not!

FOUR NEW MINISTRY TELEVISION PROGRAMS ADDED TO THE WEB SITE

- *ACTIVE RECEIVING PART 1
- *ACTIVE RECEIVING PART 2
- *GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
 *GIFTS IN HEAVEN

WATCH THEM NOW!

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The best answer I can come up with is that most of my classmates just as with most of all people do not know what God has provided for them to be well and healthy. They do not know how to protect themselves against the attacks of the evil one, and they do not know how to receive God's great gift of healing. When something terrible attacks them such as hearing a dire prognosis from the medical world, they readily accept that is what they have and in general thus they are acquiescing to their fate. Oh, some do fight vigorously against disease using the medical world tools, and no doubt some are successful that way. But that is not what many do. And so many lovely people are no longer with us.

Our population continues to age, and in general to fall away from God – noticeably for those truly in revolt against the Lord, and quietly and perhaps even more sadly, discreetly for those who still don't really know who he is or what he did for them even though they say they are Christians.

"Why die before your time?" is from Ecclesiastes 7:17. It is still true.

We are living in a world of aging baby boomers. More and more people are sick or becoming ill, many with dreadful illnesses, those types of illnesses that doctors identify as terminal. And yet there is the wonderful scripture that by his stripes we have been healed and made whole. You see, Jesus took upon himself our sicknesses and diseases and pains, and by his stripes – the wounds and beatings he suffered in going to and through the cross – we are healed and made whole. As Peter said it, we have been healed. It is a done deal. That is the fundamental cornerstone of divine healing, the fact that Jesus has already done all that is necessary for you to be well. He has.

Those who truly receive this great truth of God deep in their hearts are open to receive healing too. They are the ones likely to receive God's divine healing when they are attacked physically by some illness or pain. Yes, others too who don't quite understand all this may be healed when they come to a healing service and the presence of the Holy Spirit is so strong that people are being touched everywhere. But they may not keep their healing, for they may not know how to rebuke and reject the devil when he or his demons tell him later that the healing really was not real, when an unbelieving family member says something like that.

Jesus said that those who obey his commands are his friends and that if we love him we will obey his commands. He said that those who believe will do the same things he did while on earth, even greater. What did he do? Heal the sick. Raise the dead. And of course a lot more. Jesus said those who believe will lay hands on the sick and they will get well. That does not even include the gifts of healing that are part of the anointing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Throughout our ministry, whenever we have conducted healing services or held Days of Healing people come and God touches them. People are healed. People encounter God, many for the first time, which really is an even greater type of healing if you can realize that.

But so many never come. For a year we held a monthly healing service in a large church. People came and the Holy Spirit showed up in power. They were wonderful sessions. But huge numbers of church members never came, huge numbers suffering from horrible diseases. Why not? Didn't know the meetings were being held? Hard to believe that. Didn't believe in healing? How do they deal with

people then who receive their healing? Frightened by the prospects of being around a place where the Holy Spirit is moving openly, where people are being touched by God? Maybe. The religious world has done a lot to mislead people. Some whole denominations stay away from the Holy Spirit, don't believe the miracles and healings of God are for today but for some inexplicable reason were just for Jesus and the time of the disciples.

So here we are and the population ages and the sick grow in number, and the doctors for all their efforts cannot heal many with the direst illnesses.

And God is still God. And Jesus really did take upon himself all our sicknesses and diseases and pains, and by his stripes we are healed and made whole.

Can you imagine how Jesus thinks and feels about all this? Or about hearing people in large numbers ask him to please, please heal this person. Or even ask that a person be healed if it is God's will. I can answer all that. Yes it is God's will. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is also no respecter of persons, meaning he cares as much for you and me as he did for the people he healed when he walked the earth. And when a leper told Jesus that Jesus could heal him if he was willing, Jesus said he was willing. So he is willing now too! Only if God is taking a person home is it not God's will to heal. And even then there is no reason a person has to be horribly sick and suffer greatly when they die!

As for asking God to please heal someone, don't you think that maybe Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father thinking that he did all that, that he has done all that is necessary for people to be healed. They just have to believe, to have faith, to know what he did, to know the scriptures, to put in the time reading and studying and getting God's truths deep in their hearts. God's truths do work. So too God's laws and facts.

SO WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU ARE SEEKING HEALING?

Go to our web site and click on the video section. Then click on the healing programs and watch them, over and over – seriously!!! Go to the CD section on the web site and request some of our healing CDs (or use the enclosed form): *The Basis for Faith in Healing, Keys to Receiving Healing, Great Healing Lessons from the Bible, Breaking Curses, The Power of the Spoken Word, Healing in Communion, Active Receiving,* and *Fighting Evil*. Download from our site and print out the healing scriptures, the list of keys to receiving, the proclamations. You can also request these by writing or telephoning. Build up your understanding of divine healing and faith and belief. And seek to receive. You can indeed receive your healing all by yourself, by standing on the scriptures and declaring their truths and speaking the great healing words over yourself.

Contact us! Many have been healed over the miles! Or arrange to come to our office or one of our services. Find someone near you who truly knows and believes in divine healing to pray healing over you. Or go to a healing service if one is being held near you by a spirit-filled ministry or church. Even get together with others and invite us to come to your area to hold a Day of Healing or other healing services and programs, maybe even our healing course.

ARE YOU CHECKING THE BLOG?

New articles are being added to the blog on a regular basis. Some of the first part of this newsletter came from the blog. You could have seen it already, weeks ago! To go to the blog just go to the ministry web site and click on John's blog in the menu column. For example, you could be reading:

- Real Life Illustrations of Being in the Presence of God
- Why Die Before Your Time? the blog version
- Activities to Pursue Now (in light of all that is happening)

DON'T LET THE WINTER MONTHS DETER YOU FROM BLESSING THE MINISTRY AND BEING BLESSED IN RETURN!

We encourage you to continue even in these winter months with the support that has allowed us to go forward all these years. And by doing so put yourselves in the position to receive the blessings the Bible notes in several places that come to those who give to God, to Jesus and the gospel. Thank you!

May you live in the blessings of God always.

John

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