

Thought for the day – Tuesday 14th June 2022

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Healing

In Acts chapter 3, we find the first description of a miracle performed by the disciples, after the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. It's an exciting read: a man who was lame from birth begins to walk, and then leap and praise God! Its an outstanding miracle, and those who knew the man for a while, recognise something extraordinary has happened, and are 'filled with wonder and amazement'. This is the confirmation, that Jesus ministry, now continues through his disciples, and through those who come after them, which is us.

The subject of Healing is complicated. The New Testament focuses first on spiritual healing, which is the re-connection of a person to God. We can be confident of this first healing, that if we believe in Christ, we are made spiritually alive and become friends with God. Out of this flows healing to our minds, emotions and bodies, although not perfectly, and sometimes not at all, at least in this age. Sometimes we receive healing in one area but not the other. God may heal through our prayers (we have often seen people we pray for at Morning and Night Prayer receive healing) , through the skill of the medical profession, through natural means and sometimes through directly intervening (which we might call a miracle) All healing comes from God. Its hardly the work of the devil! However, it is a complicated area and leaves us with more questions than answers, and sometimes its very tough. We can be confident, however, that whatever is not completed in this age, will be, in the one to come.

May we receive a little more healing in our bodies, minds, emotions and spirits. And may we be instruments of healing for others.

May we also give thanks for those who pray for healing and for those who work in the medical profession.