

## Elementary Children's Church

### Lesson 35

#### Does Jesus still heal today?

1. There are people today including some Christians who sadly believe that miracle healings were only at the time of the disciples and then ended. That is a sad state of heart for we know in scripture that "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever", **Hebrews 13:8**. Jesus Christ and His healing power has never changed. The healing power of God was the same in the Old Testament times whether in **II Kings 4** where Elisha prays over the dead boy and he comes back to life, or when Hezekiah asked God to heal him, and the Lord did just that and gave him 15 more years of life. And it's the same healing for the disciples, (e.g. Peter's shadow passing over healed the sick) and then for the Apostle Paul who was given the gift of healing many times, **Acts 19:12**.

2. The gifts of the Spirit are explained in **I Corinthians 12**, and specifically listed in verses **8-10**. In **I Corinthians 14:1**, it tells us to desire Spiritual gifts, but remember that it is the Spirit that giveth to every man as he will, **I Corinthians 12:11**. So in these statements given to the apostle Paul we know that these gifts are alive, and for us today. The gifts are to be enjoyed by us, and always to the praise and glory of the greatness and faithfulness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

3. So when we have illness we believe **I Peter 1:24**, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose **stripes** ye were **healed**." And in **James 5:13-15**, may we lay hold to the effectual working power in us when we believe the word of God. "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."