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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 97

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His healing love**. **1 Pt. 2:24** *"He Himself bore our sins" in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by His wounds you have been healed."*

The Greek word for *healed* is *iathete* which means being made whole, complete, spiritually healed. This incredible love of God was demonstrated for us through the atoning sacrifice made upon the cruel cross of Calvary. Yes, Jesus chose to take the sins of the world upon the cross and pay the sin debt for mankind. Yes, Jesus chose to love us that much.

How could someone love someone else that much? Peter had explained it earlier in **1 Pt. 1:18-19** *"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."* The sacrifice made by His love redeemed us from a life of *existence* to a life of *purpose*. Many people in this world are just existing and not living. They do not understand the real life that can be had through Jesus Christ. **John 10:10** *"The thief comes but to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come that you might have life and have it to the full."*

Peter then goes on to explain this in **1 Pt. 3:18a** *"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."* This is our spiritual healing. This is being made "right" with God. *"To bring you to God"* is the spiritual healing that everyone needs. Those who have trusted in Jesus for their salvation have experienced this healing. Those who have not yet trusted, need the healing still promised. That is why true Christians have a call upon their lives. We are called to "go" and "tell" this world what Jesus has done for us and that there is life and not just existence. And so we must ask the very simple but profound question, *will I be obedient to the call of Christ and share the gospel to all who have not yet believed?*

Dear Father, thank You that You healed me at the cross. Thank You that my sins that were once scarlet were washed as white as snow. I bear the penalty of my sins no more because Jesus bore them for me upon the cross. I have been cleansed and now been given real life. Help me to be obedient today to share this with at least one person. In Jesus Name, Amen