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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... by His stripes we are healed...”**  
*Isaiah 53:5 (1Peter 2:24-25)*

Many people claim this passage for physical healing, and whereas God can do whatever it is He chooses to do regarding our prayers, these passages are not talking about physical healing. Isaiah and Peter are talking about spiritual healing. Both of these passages are referring to the brutal treatment of Jesus Christ leading up to and including His crucifixion. Isaiah spoke prophecy to be fulfilled, and Peter spoke fulfilled prophecy.

These passages speak of the ultimate healing, salvation, from the ultimate disease, sin. The theology and Christology behind these passages have to do with the biblical fact that we were and are still unable to satisfy the debt of the wages of sin (which is still death) by any means of our own. The debt could not and cannot be satisfied by any means except for the shed blood of Jesus Christ (the Lamb of God). I don't know who wrote it, but you know the song (feel free to praise Him),

“He paid a debt He did not owe.  
I owed a debt I could not pay.  
I needed someone to wash my sins away.  
And now I sing a brand new song, amazing grace, all day long.  
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.”

Two big words (and there are plenty more) having to do with this are propitiation (used just a few times in the New Testament, Romans. 3:25; Hebrews. 2:17; 1 John 2:2, 4:10, NKJV) and substitutionary atonement (that's a mouth full). The argument of expiation over propitiation notwithstanding, propitiation basically means that Jesus not only satisfied, as one man says, “the demands of the righteousness of God against sin” (the wrath of God), He was and is the only One who could have done so. Substitutionary atonement basically means that Jesus Christ took our beating, humiliation, rejection, death on the cross and burial. He who knew no sin became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21), and while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

Is this your testimony? Do you know these truths to be self-evident in your life? If not, won't you trust Christ today for salvation and join me in saying by His stripes we are healed?