

Understanding the Term to cool

In English, the word to cool is a synonym for heal, which both mean "to heal". These words are used interchangeably to refer to physical, emotional, and spiritual restoration. In biblical context, healing (to cool) is not merely the alleviation of physical symptoms but often a sign of the in breaking of God's Kingdom a divine act that points to the redemptive power of Christ.

1. Jesus' Commission to Heal

Jesus Christ gave His disciples clear authority to heal the sick as part of their mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Healing was not an optional addition but central to the Gospel message.

Matthew 10:7-8 (NIV):

"As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

Healing in this passage is part of the tangible demonstration that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. The authority was not based on personal power, but on the delegated authority of Christ Himself (see Matthew 28:18-20).

2. Healing in the Ministry of the Apostles

After receiving authority from Jesus, the apostles actively healed the sick, demonstrating that the same Spirit that was in Christ was now working through them.

Mark 6:12-13 (ESV):

"So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them."

The use of oil, as noted here, became a symbol of consecration and the Holy Spirit (cf. James 5:14). Healing confirmed the truth of their preaching and the presence of God's power.

3. Healing Beyond the Twelve Apostles

Healing wasn't restricted to the original twelve apostles. It extended to other believers filled with the Holy Spirit, such as Paul, Stephen, and Barnabas.

Acts 28:8-9 (NIV):

"His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured."

This passage confirms that healing continued as a work of the Holy Spirit through the broader Church, not just the twelve apostles. Paul's healing ministry was also evident in Acts 19:11-12, where "God did extraordinary miracles through Paul."

4. Healing as a Continuing Sign for Believers

Jesus Himself said that miraculous signs, including healing, would

accompany those who believe not just leaders or apostles.

Mark 16:17-18 (NIV):

*"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

This shows that divine healing is still part of the believer's spiritual inheritance and calling. Healing is one of the signs of faith-filled ministry in the Church Age.

5. Theological Implication of Healing Today

Healing is more than physical restoration it is a foretaste of the ultimate healing and redemption that will come in the New Heaven and New Earth (Revelation 21:4). Yet, even now, believers are called to minister healing as part of proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom. This aligns with the apostolic pattern and

the early Church's experience.

James 5:14-15 (NIV):

*"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.
And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."*

This affirms that healing through prayer, faith, and community is a normative practice in the Church.

Jesus Still Heals Today

The healing ministry is not a thing of the past. Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). The power to heal, to cool, is still available to the Church today through the Holy Spirit. As we preach the Gospel and pray in faith, we can expect the Lord to confirm His Word with signs,

including healing.

Maranatha! (Come, O Lord!)

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