

Stranger Things
Why Are Some People Not Healed?

I. Introduction

II. Why Are Some People Not Healed?

A. Because they don't ask to be healed.

1. There is no spiritual merit in suffering with a problem and not asking God for help!
2. Philippians 4:6 (NAS) *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

B. Because of the "not yet" of the Kingdom of God.

1. There is no "scientific formula" for receiving healing from God.
2. Hebrews 11:32-39 (NAS) ³²*And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,* ³³*who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,* ³⁴*quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.* ³⁵*Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;* ³⁶*and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.* ³⁷*They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated* ³⁸*(men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.* ³⁹*And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised.*
3. Hebrews 11:35 (NAS) *Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection.*
4. Some heroes of the faith are people who don't see anything.
5. Turn to Jesus in your pain!
6. Hebrews 11:36-38a (NAS) ³⁶*And others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.* ³⁷*They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated* ³⁸*(men of whom the world was not worthy).*
7. There's always a cost to follow Jesus!
8. What price are you willing to pay to follow Jesus?

III. Two Common Erroneous Views Christians Hold

A. Because we are Christians, we'll be protected from pain and suffering.

1. God will be with us through the pain and the suffering.

B. Christians won't get "shot at" by the devil or other people.

1. This country is dominated by a spirit, and an attitude, that is absolutely opposed to Christians who want to live a life devoted to Jesus!

IV. The Kind of Faith It Takes to Continue When You Don't See Miracles

- A. Faith that understands that suffering is part and parcel of life in this world.
- B. Faith that accepts suffering, sacrifice, and inconvenience as part of being a Christian.
- C. Faith that understands that life is different from God.

V. Conclusion