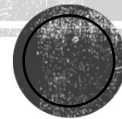


THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

Christ the Healer | Acts 9:32-43



1

CHRIST THE HEALER

The Main Point: God's sovereignty over sickness and death points to the power and promise of the risen Christ.

- The sovereignty of power and God over the results of the Fall
 - God's power over decay gives us hope in prayer
- The necessity of word to interpret observation
 - As meaning-makers, we require explanations to turn "wow" into worship.
 - Without interpretation, wonders lead to astonishment, but not surrender.
- The difference between a Kingdom-building miracle and a magic trick is the explicit power of the risen Christ.



2

CHRIST THE HEALER

- If the Gospel is not made explicit, the possibility for repentance remains excluded.
- Healing as a foretaste of ultimate restoration
 - We rejoice in healing not only because our suffering is relieved, but also because our salvation is re-announced.
 - Our losses are real—but the promises of God are true.

