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- Where does sickness come from? From a theological perspective, not a medical perspective, what are the roots of sickness?
- God is not in favor of sickness. It isn't God's idea, any more than sin is God's idea or intention. (no sickness before fall or in heaven) But, God can redeem it, that doesn't mean He ordains it.

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- Romans 8:28-29 tells us, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son.”
- So, where does sickness come from?

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- First, sometimes sickness is caused by Satan and spiritual forces of evil. John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Satan comes to kill, steal & destroy. Jesus came to give us abundant life. Sickness is part of the Satanic strategy to kill, steal & destroy. Sometimes he directly causes illness (Lk 13 – next slide)

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- First, sometimes sickness is caused by Satan and spiritual forces of evil. Luke 13:10-13, “On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, & a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over & could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward & said to her, ‘Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.’ Then he put his hands on her, & immediately she straightened up & praised God.”

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- First, sometimes sickness is caused by Satan and spiritual forces of evil. Jn 10:10; Lk 13:10f
- Throughout church history Satan was blamed for sickness, and God was credited with healing. Only recently in the Western church has this strangely gotten confused.
- Sickness sometimes has spiritual roots.  
(pastor friend with dizziness) (missionaries sent home; wife cured)

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- A Word of Hope: 1 John 3:8, “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.” Jesus destroyed the enemy’s work on the cross. What we need to do is to discern if a sickness is perhaps demonic, and then to pray claiming the promise that Jesus has come to destroy the work of the enemy.

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- Second, sometimes sickness is the result of sin. Psalm 32:1-5, “Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the person whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you.”



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- James 5:14-16, “Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

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- James 5:16, “Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”
- Sometimes sickness is caused by sin. Sometimes healing is blocked by sin. Either way, we need to keep our confessions current. (back pain – forgiveness) (Healing Back Pain, John Sarno) (John Arnott)

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- A Word of Hope: We can always confess our sin, and Jesus promises to forgive us (1 John 1:9). Jesus blood is sufficient to atone for all our sin, and all our sickness. (Is 53)

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- Third, sometimes sickness results from living a fallen world. Romans 8:22-24, “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.”

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- Third, sometimes sickness results from living a fallen world. When sin entered the world, the world broke. It doesn't work the way God designed it, and intended it to work. He is restoring it, through the work of His Son, and through the work of the church, but it won't be totally restored until Jesus returns. In the meantime we are living in a broken world. (iPods in water) (germs; gene pools) (conference)

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- Third, sometimes sickness results from living a fallen world. Rom 8:22-24
- A Word of Hope: John 16:33, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Jesus has overcome the broken world, and he can overcome our sicknesses that result from the broken world. His blood is sufficient for our germs & our gene pools! (Martin)

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