4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

grief(s) ...choli (Heb.) meaning sickness, weakness, pain sorrows ...makob (Heb.) meaning pain stripes... chaburah (Heb.) meaning a bruise, bandage, scar healed...rapha (Heb.) meaning to heal, be healed.. iniquity(ies)...avon (Heb.) meaning perversity. transgressions...pesha (Heb.) meaning transgression, rebellion.

It is instructive to read these same verses in Young's Literal Translation,

noting in particular verse 4.

4 Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains -- he hath carried them, And we -- we have esteemed him plagued, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

Also according to a Hebrew speaking friend of mine one can write a simple mathematical expression based on verse 5:-

His stripes = our healing

Also note Matthew 8: 16,17
16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:
17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Moving forward in time to approximately 65 AD, over 30 years

after the cross Apostle Peter wrote the following:

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (1 Peter 2:24).

The Greek word used for healed (iaomai (Grk.)) is that from which we obtain the Greek word for doctor. Based on 1 Peter 2: 24b, the Bible says we were healed not will be. In other words, if one is saved then we are the healthy trying to stop the enemy steal our healing not the sick trying to be healed! You may say I can see that in principle but how does it operate in practice. To answer this question one testimony may be instructive.

In 1989, one well known preacher had sugar diabetes; his sugar level was so high that the doctor was surprised that he was not in a coma. He sent his wife out to procure every healing tape in the city in which he resided.

He reported that God healed him and several years later testified to God's healing power in this regard.

You may be still skeptical but I challenge you to be a Berean (Acts 17: 11) ... Check it out in the WORD for yourself.

Personally one of my daily confessions is, "Thank you Lord that I was healed from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet according to your Word, by whose stripes ye were healed."

A SINNER'S PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOUR

Heavenly Father I come to you now. Lord, I am a sinner. I have sinned against you, even this day, but Lord, I come and ask you in the name of Jesus that you will forgive me for all my sins, that you will wash me in the blood of Jesus and I shall be cleansed from all sin. I thank you now for saving me.

Come into my heart and into my life and Lord, lead me by your Spirit and help me to live for you from this day forth. I thank you now in Jesus' name, Amen.

To continue as a true believer you must follow the Lord Jesus Christ. This involves regularly:

- 1. Reading the Bible;
- 2. Praying to God in Jesus' name;
- 3. Fellowshipping with other bornagain believers.

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HEALING CHECK IT OUT

You may be sick or know someone who is sick and the doctors say there is no hope! I have good news for you ... there is hope for healing found in the Holy Bible.

A very important scripture in healing is found in the book of Isaiah, Chapter 53 (found in the Old Testament).

These words were prophesied about 2,700 years ago.

Isaiah 53, verses 3 to 6 are set out below followed by meanings of some of the key words based on Young's Analytical Concordance.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.