

By His Stripes We Are Made Whole

We all know and have quoted this verse:

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) – *But He was wounded¹ for our transgressions, He was bruised² for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes³ we are healed.*

BUT...the Hebrew word translated as ‘healed’ is more than physical healing. It means ‘to make whole’. The verse should be written that way, not just ‘healed’. The Amplified actually includes this, correctly:

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) – *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole*

Peter references the verse in Isaiah also:

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV) – *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes⁴ you were healed.*

The English translations don’t properly reflect ‘wholeness’ in Peter’s reference, but the Amplified adds this as a footnote:

“Generally regarded as a reference to being spiritually healed from the illness of sin; however, many also consider physical healing to be included in Christ’s atoning death.”⁵

Notice that “many” in this footnote is referring to the translators of the verse, rather than the original Hebrew concept of wholeness.

IMPORTANT: We need to get a full understanding of scripture, not just our own ideas.

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1 – Or *pierced through*

2 – *crushed*

3 – i.e. Blows that cut in

4 – *wounds*

5 – www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+2%3A24&version=AMP