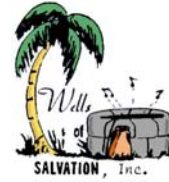


## Jesus Salves!

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No, the second word in the title to this article is not misspelled. This in no way takes away from the fact that Jesus does save! But let's take a look at a truth sometimes overlooked in our consideration of divine healing.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole! Sometimes the supernatural balm floods our being immediately, and we are whole. It has happened to me. Some years ago, as I drove along a rural road, I felt a pain in my chest. I quickly breathed a prayer--and just as quickly the pain left!

At other times, the balm is applied, and we finally receive the feeling of healing miles down the road where 'Faith Avenue' becomes 'Sight Boulevard'. This, too, has happened to me.

But the fact that God heals supernaturally should never blind us to the truth that He, when He chooses, heals naturally. There is no sin in using medicine -- *"A cheerful heart is good medicine. . ."* -- Proverbs 17:22 NIV.

It may be a sin, at times to reject it -- medicine is called good, and *"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."* -- James 4:17 NIV.

Isaiah prescribed a poultice of figs for Hezekiah. He was healed! -- Isaiah 38:21.

Jesus prescribed a salve of dust and spit for a blind man. He could see! -- John 9.

Hezekiah did not praise the poultice; the blind man did not worship the salve. And we never praise the medicine--only the One who provides the healing through these vehicles used to deliver the healing. Don't let your approach to healing tie one hand of God. Let Him heal you – naturally, or supernaturally. Either way, it is *"With His stripes [that] we are healed."* -- Isaiah 53:5 KJV.

Indeed – Jesus salves!