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Christ the Healer
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I am not sure what to think about this book. I feel like his argument on the fact that God desires all to be free of sickness and disease was not very strong. I do not agree with his reinterpretation of the words grief and sorrow to pain and sickness. Although I strongly believe that God's healing power is present in today's world, I do not believe that it is God's desire for all to be healed in this life. When they get to heaven there is no cause for sickness to be present. I believe that in this life there are times when God desires for some sickness or illnesses to be present as a possible means to bring him glory. I could most definitely be wrong, but I believe I am not. As I mentioned in the class, it was God's will for the blind man in John to be born blind so that God's glory might be revealed in his life. Jesus' death and resurrection was so that we might be reconciled with God only, not to free us from sickness and disease. Sickness is merely a state of the flesh. God, I believe, was solely concerned about the redemptions of our souls and the curing of the disease of sin when He sent His son to the earth. God desires to be brought glory through our lives whether that is through healing or learning through sickness. I most definitely do not think that God desires all to be sick to be brought glory, but there are times where people have an illness in their life to bring God glory such as the blind man in John. I was somewhat flustered by his statement that for those who call into question God's willingness for all to be healed because some have not received healing should also question God's desire for all to be saved because there are many unsaved people in the church. This is a ridiculous connection I think because God has stated clearly in His word that He desires that none perish but all come to repentance. Nowhere has He said something this clearly in His word about the healing of all. I definitely think we should pray for the healing of people with complete faith that He will do so, but be willing to accept that it may not be now or that God may be brought more glory without the healing. This book did not feel solid to me. I could be completely wrong. I do believe that God desires to heal many who are sick. I will pray for them.