

[Read my article 'Healing' CAREFULLY before this]

## Chronic Disease

i) Health condition for longer time → In Christ or Without Christ

ii) Surgery, recovery takes some time

God did first surgery- Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:21)

One of my relative got miraculous/successful liver surgery from cancer due to lots of prayers.

Health condition- Just look other persons having more disease than you and be thankful!

Don't be like Peter walking on water but when God healed you, maintain & be thankful!

*When he (Peter) saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink (Matt 14:28-31)*

Job's disease and his patience (James 5:11)

David said - *Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us.* (Psalms 90:15)

Assisted dying-not God's plan-a person with a terminal illness, helped to take his own life.

No need to worry as we are surrounded by prayers of 10 groups of people\*.

### I- In Christ

On wheelchair Preston Parsons Studied Theology and worked as pastor in 3 Churches.

Marking 58 years in her wheelchair Joni Eareckson Tada broke her neck at the age

of 17, got paralyzed below the neck, including both arms and legs is an American

evangelical Christian author, radio host, artist, and founder of 'Joni and Friends'.

Helen Keller, born blind and deaf, became a leading advocate for people with disabilities.

Dr. Imam-ud-Din Shahbaz made poetic rhythm of Psalms in Punjabi during his blindness.

Paul's thorn - (2 Cor. 12:7-9); Paul's eye disease - (Gal 4:14-15).

My personal experience – Hepatitis (completely healed after 10 yrs);

Ear wax (problem solved after 35 yrs); not fluent speaking (solved after 30 yrs).

### II- Without Christ

(his arrogance) *King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died* (2 Chron 26:16,21)

(Jehoram's) *intestines came out because of his disease, died in severe pain.* (2 Chron 21:6,19)

*Herod did not give glory to God, ... and he was eaten by worms and died.* (Acts 12:23)

### III- Old Age

Old age limit in OT – 50 years, then serving till death

*At the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer.*

*After that, shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation,*

*to keep the charge.* (Numbers 8:25-26)

*...until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil.* (Num 35:25)

The above verse implies that priesthood remains till death.

In NT – serving the Lord till death – (no retirement in ministry!) –

*I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body* (2 Peter 1:13)

Praying with David- *Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.* (Psalm 71:9)

My Dad used to say that old age is by itself a disease!

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Advantage – *My suffering was good for me that I may learn your commandments.* (Psalm 119:71)

Salvation - *They have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony.* (Rev 12:11)

Bottom line - *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!* (Philipp 4:4)

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\*Prayers of 10 groups of people → from my website:

'asianchristianfellowshipwinnipeg.com → Library → English Section → Intercessory Prayer

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