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We believe that divine healing of the body is not in the Atonement in the sense that salvation and forgiveness of sins are in the Atonement. The suffering and death of Christ according to the New Testament was substitutionary, penal and vicarious. It is nowhere taught in Scripture that Christ died for the effects of sin but for sin, and sickness is directly or indirectly the effect of sin.

Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18

Agree or disagree (and why)? (in addition to the above verses, you may also want to consider Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:16-17 and James 5:14-16)

-Deliverance (i.e. healing) from sickness is the privilege of all believers and is available to all through faith.
Agree or disagree?

-James 5:15 says that the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well. Thus, lack of healing indicates lack of faith (for healing, not for salvation). Agree or disagree?