



SIN VACCINE

(From 2020)

For it is from God alone that you have your life through Christ Jesus. He showed us God's plan of salvation; he was the one who made us acceptable to God; he made us pure and holy[c] and gave himself to purchase our salvation – 1 Corinthians 1:30 (NLT)

Many of my friends, my community, city, state and even nation have found a new favorite past-time. It's called, *Find a Vaccine*. Everyone has jumped on the computer to find one. I know people driving over a hundred miles twice to receive it. There is more on social media about vaccines than about family, reunions, sports and movies. It truly has become our newest past-time.

But it is not the most important vaccine. That may shock you right now as we see this as the "cure to life". But it isn't the COMPLETE cure. It just protects us from one specific thing; Covid-19. What does it do eternally? Yes, it may prolong our lives here on earth but then what? We all have a date with death. Our first breath was a step towards our last one. Vaccines may give us a longer physical life, but it does nothing towards our eternal life.

That vaccine came centuries ago. On a cross, on a hill called The Skull.

After the beautiful creation came the tree, the serpent and the fruit. Sin had come to us. It decayed the beauty of creation. It warped the minds of people. And most of all, it tore at the relationship to God. So here we were in a fallen, condemned world. And God asking where we went.

Sin is a disease, you know. What's worse is that affects the eternal body and relationship. It's symptoms turn us from God to ourselves where we choose to continue the life of deterioration. From instance to instance and sin to sin, history is filled with the pandemic and its effect on ALL creation.

But a vaccine came. Not in a shot but in a God-Man. He was born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth. He walked this earth healing the symptoms of sin and the fallen world until he became the cure to sin. He (Who knew no sin) died on a cross as the perfect sacrifice to redeem (pay the tab, so to speak) us all. He removed the power of death and Satan for all times. He returned us to the perfect relationship with the Father. And He leads us through the grave to life eternal in Heaven. He obliterated the disease and cured all mankind.

So why isn't this our past-time? Why are we more excited over getting a shot than being back with our heavenly Father? Shouldn't there be a social media blitz about this vaccine? The answer is yes. But it seems people are less excited to get saved from sin than from Covid-19.

But that starts with us, the vaccinated, the redeemed, the saints. Spread the word.

From My Heart,

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