

## Taking the Cure

Health is on everybody's minds these days. How could it be otherwise when we are constantly bombarded with the most recent statistics for COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths? We are warned about the prevalence of the virus and the risk it poses, with a mortality rate somewhere in the vicinity of 3%. Strange, then, that we are *never* warned on the news about the most prevalent and dangerous health threat of all – something that infects 100% of earth's population and that, without the remedy, is 100% fatal. Do you know what it is?

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...(Romans 3:23-24)... the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23).*

That's right. We are all infected with the deadly malady of sin, every single one of us. We are weak and prone to bad behavior, susceptible to the temptations that surround us. Ultimately fatal, sin always produces suffering first – not only for ourselves and the people around us, but for God as well. Every sin grieves God's heart, even the "little" ones.

We insult a co-worker, and God grieves. We knowingly accept too much cash back from a clerk, and God grieves. We ignore the speed limit... again, and God grieves... again.

We're all flagrant repeat offenders. So why should God take pity and rescue us from *this body of death* (Rom. 7:22-25)? Why should God forgive and restore us? We can't ask it based on any merit of our own. We instead must plead for mercy based on God's own character, based on God's great love for us and his grace expressed in Jesus Christ, the only antidote for sin.

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are but dust. (Psalms 103:11-14)*

God knows our every weakness and loves us anyway! He longs to have our relationship with Him, which was broken by sin, restored through Jesus Christ. And He is the best possible physician for what ails us.

So what are you waiting for? There are no long, social-distanced lines to stand in. No need to hold off for full FDA certification. Jesus is already thoroughly tested and approved. He is God's 100% safe and effective solution for sin, and He is always available. He is, in fact, even now standing at your door, patiently waiting for you to hear and respond to his knock (Rev. 3:20). Won't you invite Jesus in and be healed?

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