

The Most Deadly Virus

"Wherefore, as by one man sin came into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12)

The Bubonic plague, the Ebola virus, SARS, and most recently, the COVID-19 virus, have taken countless thousands of lives over the years. Yet these diseases have only affected a percentage of the world's overall population. But there is another disease that is the worst of all diseases combined, because it affects every person on this earth. And it brings death.

It cannot be identified in a research lab; nor can it be seen under a microscope; and there is no earthly cure for it either. The Bible is the only reliable source of information on it. The Bible has identified it, described it, and has prescribed a cure for it. It is called SIN. It originated with one man, Adam. Through his disobedience sin entered the world, and, since all have sinned, the Bible says that consequently all are under condemnation.

But God has prescribed a cure through another Man. John the Baptist introduced Him when, looking upon the Lord Jesus as He walked, he said, *"Behold! the Lamb of God, which takes away the SIN of the world."* (John 1:29). Christ died for our SINS on the cross, and *"the blood Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). But we must avail ourselves of it:

"For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believes on Him is not condemned" (John 3:16-18).

This disease will be forever eradicated from the world when God brings in a new heaven and a new earth where only righteousness will dwell.
(2 Peter 3:13) Richard Barnett (adapted)

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