

THE World Pandemic

The definition of “pandemic” is an incident to a whole people. The wording of what a pandemic is varies from one dictionary to another and according to who writes it. However, the consensus is that it is something worldwide and that no one is totally immune to it. When there is a pandemic, the attitude and response of people will differ with some going to extremes to protect themselves, some taking minimal precaution, and others totally ignoring it. To pretend that there is not a serious problem is foolish, especially when people are dying from it. What is even more foolish is when there is a cure that only a few will take advantage of. The cost of the cure is free to those who accept it. Despite this, so many are determined to try and do something to earn it. Sadly, more times than not, these people learn too late that they could not earn enough to pay for it. What is even more foolish is that they try to produce their own cure even though they are not qualified to do so. The pandemic you have been reading about affects you whether you know it or not, whether you understand it or not. This pandemic is sin and it as old as time and it began in the Garden of Eden with a man named Adam. (Ge. 2:16-17; 3:6) “**For all have sinned**, [*emphasis added*] and come short of the glory of God;” {Romans 3:23} “Wherefore, as by one man [*Adam*] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, **for that all have sinned:**” [*emphasis added*] {Romans 5:12} The pandemic of sin has killed millions untold and there is only one cure for it. The cure is the blood of Jesus Christ; without Him, there is no other cure. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} What Christ did for us is based in the love of God for us because, He “is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} You cannot earn this because it is ALL of faith and by the grace of God. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works** [*emphasis added*], lest any man should boast.” {Ephesians 2:8-9} The cure for sin is Jesus Christ as already mentioned.

“A vaccine is a biological preparation that provides active acquired immunity to a particular infectious disease.” [*copied*] There is only one “vaccine” for sin and that “vaccine” is the blood of Jesus Christ. “... without the shedding of blood is no remission.” {Hebrews 9:22} The shedding of blood spoken of here is the blood of Jesus Christ. “. . . but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. . . So, Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.” {Hebrews 9:26; 28} “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” {Colossians 1:14}

Sin. It is the cause of death but, God offers a remedy, a remedy that is free for the asking. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” {Romans 6:23} God has said that for those who will repent of sin and turn to Jesus Christ, they will be forgiven and saved. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” {Romans 10:9}

Friend, God will not force His remedy for sin upon you; you and you alone must ask for it. In the Bible verse above the “whosoever” is you; YOU must call upon Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sin. The offer comes to you from the heart of God. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” {John 3:16} This offer is for today because you may not have another tomorrow. “. . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” {2 Corinthians 6:2} So many people today are like a rich man God spoke about in the Bible. “. . . The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” {Luke 12:16-20}

The remedy for the worldwide pandemic of sin is Jesus Christ and He alone; there is not any other remedy. What will you do; will you accept or reject Him? Will you accept His remedy, or will you reject it and bear the consequences? The choice, the decision is yours to make. It is my prayer that you will repent and call on Him for forgiveness and salvation. “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5:11,13}

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