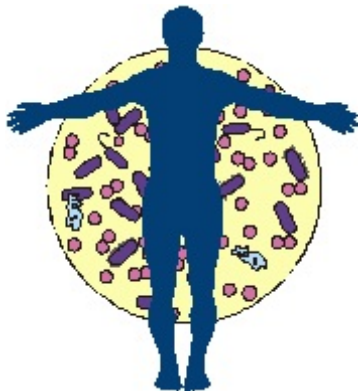


The Virus of All Viruses



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In the 1980's doctors made a declaration that they had discovered a deadly virus and that it was going to take many lives. There was a lot of talk and a lot of money spent, but still a lot of lives were lost.

People all over the world took note of it and began to ask many questions. Where did it come from? Who are those that can get it? How is it passed on? What are the consequences? Is there a remedy?

Mankind in general has taken the virus seriously and the virus has affected man in a serious way. This virus is now known as the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus.

There have been various opinions as to its origin. There is no doubt as to how it is being passed on. The effects and consequences of it are in evidence worldwide. But though man knows the consequences, sadly he does not yet know of an effective remedy.

However, there was another important declaration made thousands of years before this. It was about a much greater virus. **The greatest virus of all. This virus is SIN.** God made this declaration and He pointed out where this virus came from and what are its consequences. He has also shown how it is passed on and who would be infected. But **thankfully** He has also shown the remedy for this virus. Hallelujah!

The Origin of the Virus

Just like AIDS, SIN has an origin. Its origin is in Adam. **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom 5:12).**

Sin is here in this world. It is here because of the disobedience of Adam. God had told him to freely eat of all the trees that were in the garden, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The devil fooled Eve and she ate of the fruit and then offered it to Adam. Sadly, he **knowingly** disobeyed God and brought sin into this world with all of its ruin.

The Effects of the Virus

The consequences of AIDS are terrible, but the consequences of SIN are greater. The evidence of sin is undeniable. The ruin and misery are all around us. Corruption and violence are rampant. We see it in the hospitals, the prisons, and the graveyards. Everywhere there is sickness, suffering, much evil and death. **“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23).**

The Spread of the Virus

AIDS, they say, does not discriminate: anyone exposed to it can get it. SIN does not discriminate: **everyone** in this world gets it. **“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Psa 51:5).**

We have the evil root of sin in us and from it the fruit of evil acts come. It is universal. It is in us, in the homes, schools, governments, and everywhere on earth. None of us can point fingers at Adam or Eve, because we also sin against God. At times we are fooled and at times we deliberately sin against God.

The Remedy for the Virus

There is no known cure for AIDS, but God has a perfect and complete **remedy** for SIN. It is found in Christ Jesus who was crucified for you. **“... He (Christ) appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb 9:26)**. Look to Him and He will save you. **“...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)**. **“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:14-15)**.

God says to call on Him and He will apply His remedy to your life. **“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom 10:13)**. Call on Him and be saved from all of your sin and sins today.

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