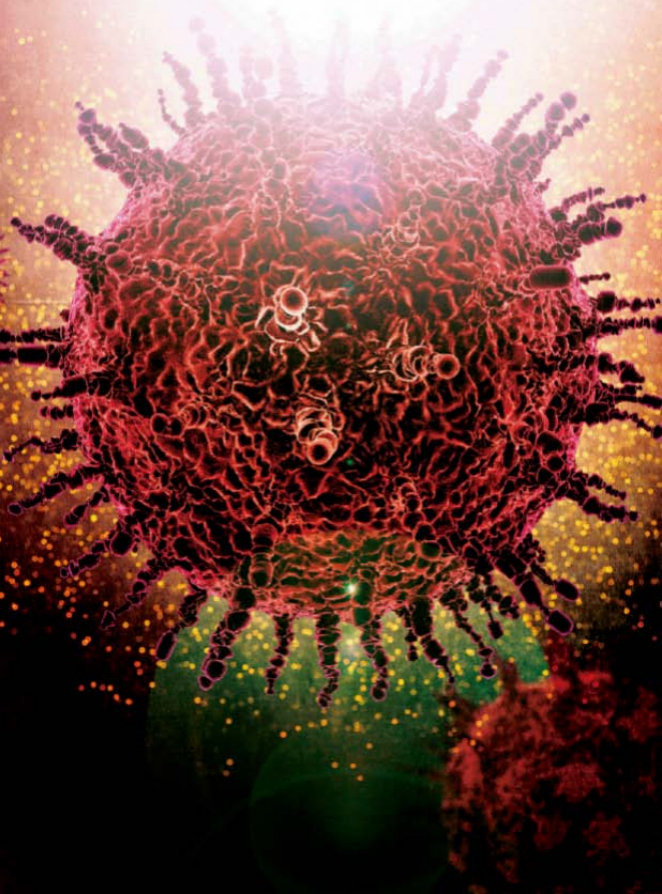


HOPE IN CRISIS



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HOPE IN

The origin of the Latin word, “crisis” means the violent manifestation of a serious illness. The cause of the current health scare is a very infectious, dangerous and even fatal virus – coronavirus. It is a pandemic which has expanded rapidly with the number of cases and deaths continuing to rise.

Unfortunately the grave consequences of this crisis are evident throughout the world, particularly on an economic level involving unemployment, recession, debt and on a personal level – mental health issues such as fear, anxiety and depression; suffering, abuse and domestic violence. Could the worst be to come?

THE MOST DEADLY CRISIS

There is another crisis even more serious than Covid-19. Sin is the most deadly crisis that has existed since the beginning of mankind. The Creator God, the just Judge, who is holy, cannot tolerate those who break His moral law and His commandments. The result of sin is the death of every person on the earth – Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death”.

CRISIS

We are all responsible for our thoughts, actions and words. We are all tarnished by our proud nature, our deceitfulness and our selfishness. Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19).

The consequence of our sinful lives is physical and spiritual death leading to eternal punishment in hell.

How do we resolve the problem of sin in our hearts and in our lives? We all do wrong, we hate, we lie, we steal ...! (Romans 3:23)

How can we get rid of the sin that is hidden deep in our hearts? With the help of a disinfectant soap, a spray or a sanitising gel; social distancing or even a vaccine? Even if we wash our hands, our feet and our entire body, that will not make our hearts pure!

THE ANSWER

God loves you. (Jeremiah 31:3) Thanks to His love, God wants to give you the very precious gift of salvation.

“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)

The hope in Jesus Christ which is a result of the love of God says “Repent ye therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

To repent means to recognise before God that you are unworthy and unable to save yourself. Your many good deeds and your innate goodness will be powerless to help you when confronted by the anger and judgement of God. However, when you turn to Christ and acknowledge what He has done for you and when you turn away from your life of unbelief, sin and disobedience, God calls that repentance.

**YOU NEED TO ACCEPT
THE LOVE AND
GOODNESS OF GOD.**



In order to receive a new nature, and to be filled with the love of God, you need to repent of your sin by taking the decision to love God with all your

heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and to follow Him.

You need to trust completely in the person of **JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORK OF SALVATION.**

This is the only way to get rid of the sin in your heart and to begin to live for God and to love others as God would have you do.



The Bible, the Word of God, says that your heart needs to change (Joel 2:13).

The antidote to the fear of dying isolated in your sins and the antidote to the anguish of a hopeless future lies in Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Jesus has shed His blood to make you clean (1 John 1:7). It is by the deliverance that Jesus Christ has made possible, that God declares you free from sin.



Acts 4:12 – “Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

One day someone asked the question, “What must I do to be saved”? And the answer – “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:30).

INVITATION

God invites you to receive eternal life. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has promised “I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)



These words can become your personal prayer:

Lord Jesus, please come into my life. I believe that you died to pay the price for my sin; that you died on the cross where you shed your blood; that you were buried in a tomb. I believe also that you rose from the dead. I invite you to be Lord of my life. Forgive me, cleanse me from all my sins; wash my heart by your precious blood. Reign in my life I pray. Amen. (1 Peter 2:24)

CAUTION



The fact that you pray this prayer will not save you. Only faith in Jesus can save you from sin. This prayer is only a guideline to help you trust in Him.



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