

## An Invisible Enemy

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) will remain in the minds of Americans for the rest of their lives, much like the attack of 9/11/2001 did. It has changed the landscape of our lives, caused us to experience “social distancing” for the first time, and even shut down schools, businesses, churches, restaurants, sporting events, etc. Never in my lifetime have I seen such a thing happen. All of this has been done in the name of an *invisible* enemy.

### Infected?

Coronavirus, like most other viruses, is **invisible** to the naked eye, but very real. It can be easily spread to infect others around you who step inside the 3-6’ bubble of your space. So keeping our distance from one another is the hoped for solution now, with a future hope that a vaccine can be found.

This invisible uncertainty can make people a little paranoid and crazy. Everyone looks at everyone else with a bit of suspicion! There are a few cases in the Kansas City area now, so we know that it’s here. It could get worse; it could get better, but nobody knows for sure. One thing for certain: nobody wants the virus! It can cause high fever, abdominal pain, congestion, and in the worst case: death. Public organizations and the government are doing their best to prevent a wide-spread infection. Americans are fortunate to have such concern for the public here.

### The Sin Virus

Probably every preacher in the country by now has made the connection between the coronavirus and sin. Sin does to the soul what the virus does to the body. Everybody worries about the body because without a healthy body we cannot live. But few people are worried about sin because it doesn’t *directly* affect the body, and one can physically survive for a long time with an **infected soul!** Furthermore most people do not believe in sin, because it is invisible, because you can be a carrier with no visible symptoms, and because it takes faith to understand. **WAIT A MINUTE!** That’s exactly like the coronavirus. And if you think coronavirus doesn’t require faith to believe in, then just ask yourself if you haven’t had *a few doubts* about the danger about us.

### A Cure?

**God believes in the deadly, eternal nature of sin.** “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*” (John 3:16). “*Should not perish*” from what? **Sin.** Sin is a violation of God’s law. He made the universe. He made us. He gave us laws by which to live. When we violate those laws, then we die *spiritually, immediately.* After death and the resurrection, we will meet God in eternal judgment. **Everybody will believe in sin then.**

Does it take faith to believe in sin? Absolutely it does. The Bible’s revelation to man of his sin is **how** we know it, Luke 1:77. If you **believe** in the Bible, then you **believe** in sin. And if you believe in sin, then you will do something to be cured of its deadliness. So consider these truths:

- ▶ Sin is a violation of God’s law, 1 John 3:4
- ▶ Sin separates from God, Isaiah 59:1-2; Genesis 3
- ▶ The blood of Christ remits sin, Matthew 26:28
- ▶ Baptism (immersion) in water in the name of Jesus Christ removes sin, Acts 2:38; 22:16
- ▶ Sins must be repented of in order to be forgiven, Luke 24:47
- ▶ Every responsible being in the world may be forgiven of his sins, Luke 24:47; Mark 16:15
- ▶ Sin enslaves man and blinds his mind, John 8:34; Ephesians
- ▶ A forgiven person can be “infected” again by sin, Acts 8:18-24
- ▶ If there is no sin, the Bible is meaningless!

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