

The Real Origins

While the earliest cases of coronavirus were discovered in Wuhan, there have been mixed reports about how the virus began. Some question if we can know the exact origins, but the origins of this virus have been revealed long ago. While this is a relatively new disease, the one who started this pandemic, and every other disease, has been around for ages. This invisible virus gives us a peek into the invisible war that is taking place around us. While we may debate the origins of the virus, God tells us the true origins, warning that “an enemy has done this” (Matt. 13:28). The ancient book called the Bible gives us the story.

The Bible tells us about an invisible pandemic that started in a place called heaven, before the earth began. While living in heaven, God created creatures called angels. God gave these angels rules, but He also gave them a free will, which means they were not forced to obey His laws. Sadly, one angel, now called the devil or Satan, chose to disobey God’s law. As a result, Satan contracted a deadly virus called sin (1 John 3:8). Once sin was contracted, Satan began to spread the infection throughout heaven, infecting the other angels. While sin can only be contracted by choice, many angels chose to follow Satan into sin, and the outbreak spread quickly, infecting “a third” of the angels in heaven (Rev. 12:4).

After all the angels made their choice to either follow Satan or God, God quarantined heaven and cast the evil angels who were infected with sin out (Rev. 12:10). Now, instead of self-quarantining, Satan decided to spread the disease of sin to others. In his hatred for God, he came to earth, where God had just created the first humans, Adam and Eve. Here, Satan sought to spread the virus of sin to those on earth, but God placed a restriction on him. He could only reach the couple at a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned Adam and Eve not to get near the tree or to eat its fruit, but they were given a choice. If they disobeyed

the warning, they would become infected with the virus of sin.

Tragically, Eve one day approached the tree and was confronted by Satan, who convinced her to eat the fruit. She then took the fruit to her husband Adam, who also ate. As they ate, the disease of sin went coursing through their veins, infecting them with the deadly virus. As Covid-19 crossed the border of China, the sin virus crossed the border of heaven and infected earth, entering into the bloodstream of Adam and Eve. Since it was in their blood, all their future children would also be infected with the virus, known as the sinful nature. This sin virus has been passed down through history to each of us, so we can say, “in sin, my mother conceived me” (Ps. 51:5).

We have all been born with the virus of sin. As a result, our sinful heart pumps the blood of this virus through our veins. This sin, at times, leads us to feel, say, and do things that are bad. As a sore throat or coughing are symptoms of coronavirus, lies and pride are symptoms of the sinful nature. But while many are afraid of Covid-19, sadly, most are not afraid of the more deadly virus of sin. One reason for this is that, like the Covid-19, the symptoms are not always clear and may not even appear outwardly. Another reason many remain unafraid is because they do not know anything else. People think lying, anger, and jealousy are natural. They think pain, suffering, and death are natural, but God did not create us to live like this. God actually created the world without sin, disease, or death, but earth has been plagued by a deadly virus.

Today, many think one hundred years is a long life, but God created us to live forever. It was only when sin infected earth that death entered the world. The Bible says that “through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12). While Covid-19 has devastated us, it is nothing compared to all the pain and suffering sin has caused. Sin has led to murder, lies, depression, suicide, destroyed marriages, and more, but although the virus of sin has been horrible, God has come up with a cure.

Investigating a Cure

Convalescent plasma is one of the treatments used to cure Covid-19. These treatments use plasma from the blood of coronavirus patients who recovered from the disease, infusing that blood into people who are infected to boost the immune system and combat the virus. What most don’t know is that convalescent plasma is an idea taught in the Bible, originating from the outbreak of sin and illustrating how God saves us from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. Since all have sinned, we have sin in our blood, slowly killing us. In order to get a cure, God knew someone would have to overcome the disease then offer their blood. Since we were infected, God was our only hope. He would have to come and rescue humans.

The only way to defeat the disease of sin was for God Himself to come to earth as a human, taking the body of a human, defeat the disease of sin for us, and then offer us His blood. In order to prepare us for this event, He foretold it through many prophecies in the Bible, showing the signs of His coming. Finally, He came to earth as Jesus Christ, living in the middle of the sin pandemic. On earth, He was “tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15). He was exposed to the disease of sin, but He did not contract it. He overcame it, and His blood built up a resistance to sin, which then became the cure.

Just as the prophecies said, Jesus Christ came to earth and lived among us, but He did not sin. He was fully exposed to the disease of sin, but He did not contract the disease. He overcame it. He defeated it. And in resisting it, His blood built up a resistance to sin, which became the cure for the disease of sin. The blood of Jesus is the cure for the pandemic of sin. How amazing! Still, it gets more amazing. In order to offer His blood to us, He had to trade our blood for His, which means He had to die for us. As we lay on our deathbed with the disease of sin running through us, Christ offered to trade His blood for our blood. In taking our disease plagued blood, He died so that we could have His life.

The blood of Christ will save all who are willing to accept it, but God does not force. The choice is up to you. All who accept Jesus may “have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Eph. 1:7). All have sinned. We all have specific sins that we struggle with, like alcohol, anger, pornography, pride, lies, bitterness, stealing, or other sins. Whatever sins you struggle with, through the blood of Jesus Christ, you not only can have your past washed away, but you can also have power to live above the power of sin in your life. The Bible says, “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17). Through Christ, you can be set free from the pandemic of sin.

As Covid-19 spread, China, America, and other countries agreed to treat victims without any money. Similarly, those who have been infected with the disease of sin may receive the cure for free. While it cost Jesus everything, it costs us nothing. Jesus offers His blood as a “free gift,” “without money and without price” (Rom. 5:15; Isa. 55:1). Still, we must choose to receive His free gift. While the coronavirus has taken thousands of lives, sin has robbed millions of obtaining eternal life. And its path of terror has been going on since the earliest history of mankind, but God is about to bring an end to sin and sinners. God has provided the antidote for this plague of sin. He has offered this to everyone alive.

Whether you believe it or not and whether you see the symptoms or not, you are infected with a deadly disease called sin. While God created you to live forever, you have been infected with a deadly virus. This deadly plague has swept across the globe all through history, but God is going to bring an end to it. One day soon, God is going to come back and set fire to this earth, and every trace of sin will be totally destroyed, but before He does that, the earth must be warned and given a chance to accept the life-saving blood of Jesus. Won't you accept Jesus' free offer?

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