

Like to use objects for illustrations – First time ever – **Corona virus! Get a close up here on camera!**  
 Can't see it, but you believe in it. Hebrews 11:1,6 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I. ARE YOU SICK? Revelation 3:17 **You can have the virus and not know it!** We all have a very deadly disease - called sin!

A. The disease = sin Romans 3:23

1. You don't catch it – inherited Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. **They start out so cute! (Video 1) Then the disease kicks in and you wonder where did that monster come from? (Video 2) Don't have to teach your kids to sin.** Never sat my kids on my lap said: Let me teach you how to lie! Disobey! Throw a tantrum!
2. Disease of the heart Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
3. Symptoms Romans 1:29-32 You can be infected and not show all of these symptoms. Vs. 29 "Being filled" – **Spreads & grows like a cancer – Not benign – malignant.**
4. Terminal Romans 6:23, John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **Corona virus is not always fatal – Sin is!**

B. Need a doctor Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

1. Can't afford it Revelation 3:18, I Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **Most medicines today are out of sight in cost! God provided our cure before we needed it!** I Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.
  - \* Enough for all I John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. **Government doesn't even have enough test kits for everyone!**
2. Already tried Luke 8:43-44 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd.
  - a. Religion is like taking an **aspirin** to cure Corona Virus – **Helps feel better but not going to make you better!** Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.
  - b. Can't do open-heart surgery on yourself Ephesians 2:8-9
3. Take the cure by faith Romans 10:9-10,13 I don't understand half of what my doctor tells me & I can't pronounce the name of the medicine he prescribes – but I take it. John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. **I'm glad the Bible is easier to understand than the inserts that come with my medicine!**

II. IS THERE NO CURE? Jeremiah 8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

A. Treat the disease not the symptoms. Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

1. Have Corona virus because of the germs in my body. Get rid of the germs – I get rid of the cough, runny nose, fever, headache, etc. Most medicines mask the symptoms and can even prolong the disease. Psalm 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
  - a. Root of bitterness Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled. Infects others around you.
  - b. Root of sin Job 31:1,7 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?... If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands.
    - Root of most marriage problems is selfishness.
    - Root of conflict is pride.
    - Root of spiritual problems is laziness.
2. Keep from being infected II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.
  - a. Spiritual distancing I Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Why it is called a communicable disease!
  - b. Cleanliness I John 1:9

B. We act like there is no God in Heaven Psalm 103:1-5

III. WHY AM I NOT GETTING BETTER? Jeremiah 8:15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

A. Take your temperature Revelation 3:15-16 Everywhere you go today

1. Cold Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
2. Hot - Need a heart that is on fire for God Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

B. Take your medicine Revelation 3:18, Matthew 17:16-21

1. By faith Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
2. Faithfully Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. If you took your medicine as consistently as you live the Christian life – would you ever get better? This is a great time to establish daily habits like prayer, Bible study, devotions, etc.
3. May take drastic surgery Matthew 5:29-30
4. With a merry heart Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Jeremiah 33:6 (3) Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth... Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.