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**W E L C O M E**

We count it a privilege to have each one of you who are viewing our Online Service. May you experience God's presence as you worship with us! We want you to know that we are here for you and want to serve you even amid this virus crisis. If you need assistance you can contact the Church Office at 717-762-5432 or Pastor Newsome at 717-404-6231.

**"The Coronavirus and Sin"**

When I woke up last Wednesday morning, I was thinking about the current coronavirus and its impact on our world. Then my mind starting to compare how this virus is so similar to sin and four words came to me that describe how this virus like sin affects us.

**1. Dominant** – sin is not dead but like a seed that is dormant – it is still active. It is everywhere. Sin tempts our will. It separates us from our Father. It deceives our hearts and hardens men to the gospel. Sin controls and puts into bondage and apart from Christ, we are utterly hopeless against it. Jesus said in John 8:34, "*I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.*" Jesus was asserting that we are all under the power and control of a natural tendency to sin; we can't get away from it by ourselves. Only in Christ can we be set free from slavery to sin and death.

**2. Deceptive** – To deceive means to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid. This is the deadly effect of sin in our lives -- sin so alters our thinking that we do not even realize we are deceived when we sin!

Most people infected with the COVID-19 are totally unaware of it. That's what makes it so dangerous because by the time you become aware that you have it, you have infected others and they aren't aware of it either. Sin's effects is also contagious and has very serious consequences even before it becomes visible. (Secondhand smoke harms non-smokers as well).

**3. Detectable** – once the virus becomes active then there are some telltale signs of its presence - (fever, persistent cough, weakness, body aches, shortness of breath)

*"By their fruits (actions, works) you shall know them."* -Matthew 7:20

The only way others can tell whether you are a Christian is by your works. Likewise, people who don't know Christ are known by their sinful behavior. Paul described them in Galatians 5:19-21. (idolatry, murder, lying, sexual immorality, etc.;) Disobedience to God is a huge sign of a person's status – a sinner.

**4. Deadly** (destructive) – this virus is very lethal and if left untreated will bring death. Likewise sin brings death to those under its power.

Romans 6:23, *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

The wages of sin is death; the good news is that you can quit before payday!  
Someone else has already borne the penalty for sin so that we don't have to. His name is Jesus!

“Good Friday” was a bad day for our Lord and Savior when He was executed for the world's sin. Jesus Christ has made you dead to sin and alive to righteousness. This gives you the capacity for holiness.

God's grace sets you free from sin — from the penalty of sin, the power of sin, and the presence of sin.

Because of God's grace, you can win the war on sin. Paul said...” *Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives.*” -Romans 6:6

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our Nation
- Unsaved Loved Ones
- Revival in our Church
- Peace of Jerusalem
- Becky Bricker
- Dennis Newsome(Pastor's Brother)
- Catherine Pentz
- Sue Spessard
- Albert Keyser
- Joey Kline
- Bob Bowders
- Corona Virus Victims
- World Missions  
Director (Greg & Sandie  
Mundis) sick with  
Covid-19
- Ron Maddux (sick with  
Covid-19)
- Tom Jr. & Brenda LaRose  
(sick with Covid-19)
- Hazel Stauffer