

The Deadliest Disease

As scary as infectious diseases are,
there is a more deadly virus that each of us is infected with.

I. THE DISEASE

The disease is hereditary, passed down to us from our earthly father, Adam

Romans 5:12 NLT

We aren't sinners because we sin, we sin because we're sinners.

Romans 5:12 Amp.

A. The symptoms of this disease are readily apparent.

Worldwide violence.

Lack of integrity in Political leadership.

Our communities being inundated by

crime; drugs; rape; robbery; murder; and assault.

Loss of a moral compass in our culture.

B. But evil isn't just out there, it's in here.

This deadly virus resides in each of us. [In every human being!]

C. Sin infects the entire human personality.

Our minds are darkened by sin leading us towards self-deception and denial.

Ephesians 4:17-19 Amplified

Our hearts and wills are also infected leading us towards self-centeredness.

Titus 3:3

D. The disease of sin is both chronic and terminal.

It gets worse and worse, and it ends in death.

This death isn't just physical death, but eternal separation from God.

Romans 6:23

E. This disease so deadens our moral senses that:

We don't even see what's happening to us.

We persist in immoral behavior, unaware of the destruction we're causing.

We are warned again and again about the dangers of a hard, calloused heart.

F. Left unchecked, this disease will lead us all,

both as individually and as a society, to destruction.

II. THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

The good news is that there is a physician who can cure this deadly disease.

Mark 2:17

The amazing thing is that He heals us by sacrificing himself for our sake.

He exchanges his own health and righteousness for the fatal guilt of our sin.

1 Peter 2:24

One of the clearest descriptions of the healing of sin can be found in

John Newton's hymn "*How Lost was my Condition*"