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PART 16:

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

Reading: Genesis 3: 1-7 & Romans 5:12

Introduction

- We live in a world that is broken and damaged.
Was it always like this?
- What's wrong with you and me? [Romans 7:19]. Why the mess?
- One word - **SIN**.

1 The EARLY STAGES Of Sin

- Sin is any failure to conform by either action or attitude to what God has said.
- It is the breaking of God's law.
- It is disobedience to God's law.

2 The VIRUS That Is Sin

- I suggest that sin is the most deadly virus the world has ever known.
- It made it's first appearance in Eden with Adam/Eve first to suffer it.
- It spreads everywhere recognising no international boarder or people type.
- Thankfully there is a '*vaccine*' for it.

- It is highly infectious - everyone gets it because its hereditary. [Romans 5:12].
- We inherited it from our first parents. We have an '*Adamic nature*'
- Our sinful actions spring from our sinful nature.
- The '*sin virus*' has a 100% kill rate. [Romans 6:23].

3 Sin's SYMPTOMS Or FRUIT Produced

- Sins of **THOUGHT**.
- Sins of **WORD**. [Psalm 19:14].
- Sins of **DEED**.
- The above are '*sins of commission*'
- Sins of **OMMISSION**. [James 4:17].
- Words '*sin*' '*sinner*' '*sinned*' etc occur 833 times in Bible.
- Translated from Greek word '*hamartia*'. Literally meaning '*to fall short of the mark*'

4 The CONSEQUENCES Of Sin

- We need to adopt '*social distancing*' from sin.
- We must learn to hate sin.
- Sin brings alienation/estrangement from God.
- Any remedy must involve reconciliation to God.

We will look at the Vaccine for sin next time.

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