

In God's Corrals: Doctorin' Takes Place

1. We have to _____ our deadly sickness

Isaiah 53:6a (TLB) *We*—every one of us—have strayed away like sheep! *We*, who left God's paths to follow our own.

Genesis 6:5 (NIV) The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Romans 3:11-12 (TLB) As the Scriptures say, "No one is good—no one in all the world is innocent." (11) No one has ever really followed God's paths or even truly wanted to. (12) Every one has turned away; all have gone wrong. No one anywhere has kept on doing what is right; not one.

Romans 5:12 (NIV) .. sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

2. You and I need an _____ cure

Romans 8:7-8 (TLB) following after the old nature leads to death (7) because the old sinful nature within us is against God. It never did obey God's laws and it never will. (8) That's why those who are still under the control of their old sinful selves, bent on following their old evil desires, can never please God.

Romans 7:18-20 (NIV) I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. (19) For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing. (20) Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me.

Romans 3:20 (TLB) Now do you see it? No one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what the law commands. For the more we know of God's laws, the clearer it becomes that we aren't obeying them; his laws serve only to make us see that we are sinners.

3. The antidote to the virus of sin is _____

Romans 3:22-25 (Message) The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. (23) Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, (24) God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:26-31 (NCV) And God gave Jesus to show today that he does what is right. God did this so he could judge rightly and so he could make right any person who has faith in Jesus. (27) So do we have a reason to brag about ourselves? No! And why not? It is the way of faith that stops all bragging, not the way of trying to obey the law. (28) A person is made right with God through faith, not through obeying the law. (29) Is God only the God of the Jews? Is he not also the God of those who are not Jews? (30) Of course he is, because there is only one God. He will make Jews right with him by their faith, and he will also make those who are not Jews right with him through their faith. (31) So do we destroy the law by following the way of faith? No! Faith causes us to be what the law truly wants.