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PROTECT YOURSELF - SAVE YOURSELF

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So, another week of Coronavirus in the headlines! Last week, I wrote about the mini panic attack I nearly had when I realized I was too late to purchase any face masks. Later I read that the death rate due to Coronavirus was 2-3% which made me feel much better. I ended last week's post saying it's good to read for oneself, and I advocated for each of you, my readers, to develop a regimen of reading the Bible for yourself. I also stated, "As the coronavirus news continues to unfold, I don't have a facemask, but I do have salvation in Jesus Christ. While, I will eventually die a physical death, my soul will live on, in Heaven, with the Father. Do you know the fate of your soul? Are you sure?"

This week, on my social media, I saw instructions for how to make a face mask from a trifold paper towel and two rubber bands. I also came across the recipe for hand sanitizer. This morning's new report was intended to answer the most Googled questions about the infection. One question, "what should I stock up on in case of an outbreak," really made me think. I wanted some



face masks because I spend time in different schools, everyday, and my husband and I are scheduled to fly in July. It had not occurred to me that I should be stocking up, I just wanted a box of 10 or 12. It also had not occurred to me that I should stock up on bread or milk as is the tradition when snow is in the forecast. This news story made me think about the Doomsday Preppers who stock up on everything under the sun in preparation in case of the apocalypse.

In a sense, it seems people think they can save themselves when the Bible tells us, “⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” (Romans 10:9-10) The only way to be saved is through our faith in Jesus as Lord. No amount of face masks, hand sanitizer, milk or bread will save our soul.

The Bible says, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come." (Matthew 24:6) We should not be alarmed when things happen on earth. When Adam sinned, evil entered the earth. Isaiah 24:5 tells us, "The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant." Even so, God in His immeasurable love, sent His Son, Jesus to live on earth and experience life as a human being of flesh and blood. He was tempted in every way -that is, all of the ways we are tempted, plus some- but he did not sin. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin." (Hebrews 4:15) Jesus paid the penalty for our sins when he died on the cross. Because He did, we are eligible to live an everlasting life. I say eligible because we must each make the individual decision to accept salvation as God's free gift.

Have you accepted God's free gift of salvation? Don't put your faith in the stuff you can stockpile! It might prevent you from being infected, but when the end truly arrives you will still perish. Do you want to protect yourself or save yourself? Put your faith in God. Accept his offering of salvation. If you want more information, reach out to me or someone in your area who can discuss salvation with you.

AMEN!

Have a blessed week!

Kim