

"Ebola - Why Worry?"

There's been a lot of press coverage about Ebola lately and seems to be whipping up a lot of fear and uncertainty.

So let's have a look at **five** main reasons why this would be so.

Five main reasons why people fear Ebola:

1. Dreadful pain

Perhaps this is worthy of consideration? People are hearing that it is a very complicated and gruesome finish to one's life with your internal organs dissolving and so on.

However, you don't need to worry if you do catch it, as hospitals are well equipped to deal with pain relief and this is the comforting thought here.

In the unlikely event of you catching Ebola, you needn't fear the pain because you won't be in any.

They'll simply numb you into the grave.

But, Dear Reader, look on the bright side, there is a probability that you will survive.

2. "Dying with the music in you"

Now, we've all heard this phrase. It has something to do with having regrets about something you didn't do in this life.

But hey, I say, what will it matter if you're six foot under?

What does it matter if you just curl up your toes and go to the grave? You won't have any regrets! They reckon that dead is dead and you don't have any conscious thought. What do you think?

3. Not achieving your potential

Well then, you'd better get cracking because time is running out! Enroll in that Degree Course! Climb Mt Everest! Swim around Australia! Cross the Arctic wastes! Eliminate world poverty!

Look my friend, science has proven beyond all doubt that 10/10 people will die. Yes, that's right, one day we will all eventually gasp our last breath. So what does it matter if it's this weekend or in forty years' time?

4. The world will be robbed of the next great Astronaut, Scientist or Musician

Now we've had Bird flu, Cow Disease and SARS and numerous other plagues sweeping the world from time to time. London, a couple of centuries ago, was nearly wiped out with the Bubonic Plague.

Look, when it's all boiled down, there are several million Engineers, Doctors and Scientists graduating each year, from the Universities in China and India alone.

Now, if one of them can't find the next great cure or get to the moon, who can?

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5. Leaving your bereaving loved ones

Look folks, that's what happens when anyone dies and it can be very distressing for those left. But as has been stated, they reckon when you're dead, you won't be aware of all this. And as they say "Well death is just part of living!"

What if Tony Abbot should say ...

Now imagine if Tony Abbot would get on TV one night and mumble the following:

"er ... ah ... look people ... ah ... to all my fellow Australians ... ahm ... I just want to say that ... errr ... the real reason for fearing the ... aaahhh ... er ... Ebola epidemic ... um ... should be as follows ... ahhh ... and I take this direct from the ... ahhh ... should I say ... ahmmm ... the Bible ... er ... the Christian Bible ... and ... ahh ... it goes like this ... er ... and I read directly from **Romans chapter 4 verse 5** ... and it reads ... er... like this ... and if you have your Bibles at home you can all follow me

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

and ... ar ... furthermore, ladies and gentlemen, I will read from ... err ... Romans chapter 3 verse 23 ... ahh ... and it says ... **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"**.

Now ... ahhh ... look people ... the reason I am ahhh ... saying this is that ... because ... aaah ... and I quote again from the errr ... ahmm ...Bible ... which says ... and this is Jesus himself speaking ... and he says ... **"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."** (John 8:24).

Now look my fellow Australians ... errr... a truckload of goodness can't get you into heaven ... ahhh ... but one sin will keep you out. In fact ... for just one sin ... of which we have millions ... err ... ahh ... it will see you burn in hell for eternity. Er... to get into heaven ... you have to be ... ahhh ... perfect with no sin ... just like ahh... God is. So **you must have your sins washed away by the blood of Jesus**. Ahh ... that's from the book of Revelation chapter 1 verse 5.

Now people ... errr... once you are **born again** ... that's the words of Jesus himself ... you can never be lost. Now this is just the greatest news you'll ever hear from me or anyone.

This is the real reason we must all fear Ebola because ... we ... don't want to die in our sins."

(Yeah right! That'll happen)

The REAL five facts to fear death by Ebola

1. You are born a sinner

Did you know that when you were born, you weren't taught how to sin, it just came naturally. That's right, you're a natural – yep! A natural born sinner and you can't help but sin. You were not born pure and spotless. You sin because you are born with a sin nature. The Bible declares we are sinners by our very nature.

2. You are living as a sinner

This is the problem, you just keep on sinning as you grow up. In fact, **although you hate it, there's a part of you that just loves** the hate, anger, murder, lust, fornication, lying and cheating you go on with every day.

And here's the thing, there's no counseling, drugs, meditation, religion or 'mountain-top' experience, that can free you from your prison. Of course we can all turn off the tap for a little while to get a bit of relief.

3. You will die in your sins

Now here's when the shutter comes down – it's all too late to start making peace with God. No amount of works is able to wash away one sin. Dear Friend, unless your sins are taken away, you'll burn and cry like a tormented cat for all eternity in the lake of fire.

4. You will be condemned as a sinner

If you haven't got saved before you die, then it's too late when you stand before God to be judged. The Bible says **"...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"** (Heb 9:27)

5. You will spend eternity, physically burning in the lake of fire

"Ah!" you say "there's no physical body when you die. It just rots in the grave." My Dearest Friend, when Jesus walked through the wall after he was resurrected, didn't he have a physical body that could be touched?" Look it up in John in John chapter 20 verse 27.

If God is God, and he is, he'll see to it that you burn physically in the lake of fire for eternity whether you believe it or not.

After being thrown into hell, you will then spend your after life, (yes you will live forever) with the **"... the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."** (Revelation 20:10)

Jesus Christ is your only salvation

The Bible lovingly and gently reminds us **"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (Romans 5:8-9)**

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Jesus has already paid for your way to enter into heaven. If you receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your one and only Saviour, you will receive God's only means of salvation for you.

Are you willing to give up your good works, religion and your way of thinking, and come to Jesus and be washed from all your sin and start life again? And that's what you want, right? To start life again. Well you can. Be born again. That's' what the phrase means.

Why not ask Jesus Christ to save you right now and wash away all your sins. He will save you ... and that's a fact!