

Balancing the Theology of Catching Covid

Part 2 Drive-In Questions:

Statement: I had a good result after catching covid, I was vaccinated and boosted. The quarantine process has a lot of emotional elements connected to it. Every day you must adjust your thinking to survive being alone for almost two weeks. Many Christians communicate a conflicting message that people can not relate to.

1. If I am a Christian Who Walks in Faith, How Can I Catch Covid?

Answer (Psalm 34:19, NIV) The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

Follow up Question: How Can you Say God will Deliver us, if my Family Member Died?

Answer to follow up (Daniel 3:16-18, NIV) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us ^[c] from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

2. Does God Have the Sovereign "Independent" Right to Deny Our Request for Physical Healing?

Answer 1: Paul embraced the surprise ending of his life with courage (2 Timothy 4:6-8, NIV)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Answer 2: Some were persecuted (Hebrews 11:35-40, NIV)

Women received back their **dead**, **raised** to life again. <u>There were others</u> who were **tortured**, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some **faced jeers and flogging**, and even **chains** and **imprisonment**. ³⁷ They were put to **death by stoning**; they were **sawed in two**; they were **killed by the sword**.

Answer 3: Some were destitute and mistreated

They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Conclusion: We have not done a good job of communicating God's will in a balanced way. We have not raise our spiritual children well. We need to do a better job of handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

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