

Coronavirus and Christ
Chapters 9, 10, & 11

- I. **Chapter 9—Answer 4: Realigning Us with the Infinite Worth of Christ**
 - a. “The coronavirus is God’s thunderclap call for all of us to repent and realign our _____ with the infinite worth of Christ.”
 - b. **Read Luke 13:1-5 and explain what is Jesus’ and Piper’s point in mentioning the murder of the Galileans and the accidental deaths at the tower in Siloam?**

- II. **The Meaning of Calamity—for You**
 - a. **In Jesus’ comments about the dead Galileans and Jerusalemites, why does He bring up the sins of the people He is talking to?**

- III. **Merciful Call While There’s Time**
 - a. **What does Piper suggest is God’s “merciful message in all such disasters”?**

- IV. **What Does Repentance Mean?**
 - a. **What does Piper say is “the most fundamental change of heart and mind that repentance calls for”? (Matt. 22:37; 10:37)**

- V. **Why Would Jesus Threaten Us with Perishing?**

VI. Waking Up to Our Suicidal Preferences

- a. **Read C. S. Lewis' quote and explain whether you agree with him and Piper or not.**

VII. Roused to Rely on Christ

- a. **What does Piper suggest "God is doing in the coronavirus"?**

VIII. Gift of Desperation

- a. **Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 and explain what were God's purpose of allowing desperate circumstances in Paul's life and ours?**

IX. The Meaning of Thorns

- a. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 and explain God's purpose in giving Paul a thorn in his side?**

X. In Loss, Gain

- a. **How does Piper suggest that the coronavirus relates to Paul's learning to count loss as gain?**

- XI. Chapter 10—Answer 5: Creating Good Works in Danger**
- a. “The coronavirus is God’s call to His people to overcome self-pity and fear, and with courageous joy, to do the good works of _____ that glorify God.”
(Matt. 5:16)
- XII. Brightness in the Darkness of Danger**
- a. **Why does Piper suggest that good deeds done in spite of danger glorify God more?** (Matt. 5:11-16; Luke 14:13-14)
- XIII. How Peter Applied Jesus’ Teaching & Christ Died to Create Good Deeds in Danger & Christ Magnified in Risky Kindness**
- a. **After reading all three (3) of these sections and their associated Scripture references what does the author conclude is “one of God’s purposes in the coronavirus”?** (1 Peter 2:12, 24; 4:19; Titus 2:14; Gal. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 1:20)
- XIV. Example of the Early Church & Putting to Silence the Ignorance of Emperors & Relieving God-Sent Suffering**
- a. **After reading all three of these sections what does Piper suggest is God’s purpose for His church?**
- XV. Chapter 11—Answer 6: Loosening Roots to Reach the Nations**
- a. “In the coronavirus God is loosening the roots of settled Christians, all over the world, to make them _____ for something new and radical and to send them with the gospel of Christ to the unreached peoples of the world.”

XVI. Persecution as Missionary Strategy

- a. **Read Acts 8:1-4 and let me know if you've ever considered persecution, suffering, and martyrdom as God's ways to motivate evangelism? (Matt. 16:18; 24:14)**

XVII. Setbacks as Strategic Advance

- a. After reading the account of Pastor Hristo Kulichev in Bulgaria, how do you think that God could strategically use the coronavirus to advance world missions?