

# **I. Coronavirus Response – 2020 – Special Message to the Church – The Theology and Dangers of Crisis**

## **A. Philosophy/Theology of Crisis**

### ***1. God is worthy of trust***

- a) He is awesome**
- b) He is sovereign**
- c) He is wise**
- d) He is loving**

### ***2. God's Word is fully sufficient***

- a) Sufficient for us to grow in Christ-likeness during this crisis**
- b) Sufficient to allow us handle the circumstances of the crisis biblically**

### ***3. Prayer is essential***

### ***4. Wisdom is needed to maximize unique opportunities***

- a) Unique opportunities to love one another**
- b) Unique opportunities to love our neighbor**
- c) Unique opportunities to share the gospel**

### ***5. Wisdom is needed to prepare for unique dangers***

### ***6. Great care must be taken in the exercise of spiritual gifts***

### ***7. Hard work to discern truth is critical***

- a) Facts about the crisis**
- b) Biblical principles to employ when truth is hard to discern**

### ***8. Response must be made with careful, flexible deliberation***

### ***9. Future concerns must be carefully balanced with present realities***

### ***10. Courage must be taught and modeled***

## **B. Special Dangers to the Flock in this Time of Crisis**

### ***1. Foolish or ungodly responses***

- 2. Loneliness and depression***
- 3. Anger and confusion***
- 4. Spiritual apathy and laziness***
- 5. Sinful use of media***
- 6. False teaching***
- 7. Greater pressure on families***
- 8. Political polarization***
- 9. Unbiblical judging***
  - a) Other believers**
  - b) Unbelievers**