

A Study of
Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague
by Martin Luther
Part 1 of 5

What kind of questions do people have when a disaster occurs which claims many lives?

What kind of questions would you ask a pastor if Hardin County were hit with a plague?

Publisher's Introduction (partial)

115 ¶1-2

What is the disease, it's symptoms?

What would your reaction be to someone with the disease?

115 ¶3

What was Martin Luther's experience and action in time of a plague?

115 ¶4

Who is writing to whom? From what place?

Why are they writing?

Review of the Introduction

True or False:

Luther's opinions on the matter of fleeing from the plague were the opinions of a desk-bound academic.

Agree or Disagree:

If a plague struck Hardin county killing 30%-90% of the people, I would be inclined to get in my car and spend some time with family in another state.

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119 ¶1-2

This reply was not merely written, it was printed. What *spiritual* benefit was there in having this printed? (Look at the first Bible passage Luther cited: 1 Corinthians 1:10.)

For Us: Which is better in our churches: more uniformity of practice, or more diversity of practice?

120 ¶2

From this paragraph it seems that the Christians at Breslau put before Martin Luther two possible reactions. What were they?

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2)

What other options do you imagine that people would consider?

120 ¶3

Martin Luther says that Christians who stay in a plague-ravaged city have strong faith and should be commended. Do you agree? Or do you have another opinion of them?

120 ¶4

Sum up Luther's point in this paragraph.

He uses the illustration of a weak and a strong walker. How does this apply to the plague situation?

Look at the Bible passage from Romans 15:1. How does this apply to the plague situation?

Think of Luther's illustration of the two people walking and Romans 15:1.

In what areas of life have you seen stronger and weaker walkers in faith?

What should be a stronger person's bearing toward the weaker?