Rat Costs Singapore Airlines $100,000!

Recently a Singapore airlines flight landed in Beijing, China. This aircraft was then held on the tarmac for many hours. What was the reason for this plane being delayed? There was a rat on it! China was afraid to allow this rodent free passage into their country, and their reason was that it could have been carrying a virus. If the rat was carrying a virus, it wouldn't take long for the virus to spread among the rat population in Beijing, and then possibly threaten the lives of people!

The delay of this flight cost Singapore Airlines $100,000. That was a great price to pay for a "passenger" with no ticket! The airport authorities had every right to detain the aircraft because there was a potential danger or harm to the populace. With this illustration in mind, let us look to a Biblical perspective of what God thinks of the "virus of sin".

God (like the airport authority) shuts the door of heaven's gate and absolutely does not allow anything unclean to enter therein. Why should He? He is holy and His dwelling is holy, and He intends on keeping it that way! The Bible says, "*And there shall in no wise enter into it* [Heaven] *any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but* [only] *they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*" (Rev. 21:27)

Going to heaven is not a question of being good enough, as the Bible has already cleared up this issue when it declares, "*there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*" (Rom. 3:12) The simple fact is, you do not have to be good to get into heaven – you must be perfect! That means you must be totally free from sin. You are probably saying right now, "This is impossible!", and you are right. Before we look at how to be free from sin, let us look at the problem of sin, the dreaded "virus"...

The Bible says, "*the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*" (Ezekiel 18:4) Sin is like a virus: First we become infected, slowly developing a high fever (intense lustings over various things that are out of the will of God), and then we die! The Bible confirms this, "*Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*" (James 1:15). But God, the ultimate Authority, desiring to keep us safe for all eternity, allowed His Son to take upon Himself this "virus of sin" so that it could be contained once and for all.

So to be perfect, (completely free from the "virus of sin"), simply let the Royal red blood of Jesus that He shed for you on the cross of Calvary wash all your sins away. "*Unto him* [Jesus] *that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*" (Rev. 1:5). Jesus, the "perfect man" (the God-man), traded places with less than perfect people and took their sins upon Him and was punished for those sins on the cross. Therefore, the "virus of sin" is no longer a threat to anyone who sees that Jesus died under its penalty so that we might be safe and free from its eternal harm.

However, those that do not see (believe) that Jesus became "infected" for us (took the "virus of sin" on our behalf), will live with it for all eternity and suffer its consequences. "*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*" (Rev. 21:8)

It is our heart's desire and prayer that you make the right decision. Please remember that only "*the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all* [viruses] *sin.*"