

Doctrine of the Similarities between Cancer and Sin

- Cancer is a sickness.
Sin is a spiritual sickness. *Matthew 9:12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick .*
- Cancer is a hidden disease that finally becomes visible.
Sin is a spiritual disease that manifests itself in outward attitudes and actions. *Romans 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.*
- Cancer, if detected early enough, is treatable.
Sin if repented of and brought to the Savior for a divine remedy is treatable. *John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*
- Cancer if left untreated is deadly.
Sin if left unforgiven and unmortified produces the second death. *Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- Cancer is a disease that people would rather not talk much about.
Sin is a spiritual condition people would like to ignore and proclaim themselves well. *Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*
- Cancer is a frightening word.
Sin should be a frightening, yea terrifying word as it reflects not only the disease of the soul but the state of the same.
- Cancer is a vile disease as it robs the body of strength.
Sin robs the soul of moral strength while polluting the body.
- Cancer demands radical treatment with chemo therapy and radiation which penetrates the body and goes into the inner most part of the blood.
Sin demands the death of the Son of God for it affects not only the outward life but the essence of the person in his innermost being.
- Those with cancer can hope for a cure.
Those with sin still in the soul can hope for a spiritual cure through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- Some forms of cancer demand a blood transfusion.
The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son can cleanse from all sin.

- Cancer affects not just the person who has it but those who love the one with the dreaded disease.
Sin reaches out to touch not only self but others as well in a negative way.
- There is nothing good or decent or honorable about cancer.
Sin has no redeeming value.
- The cure for cancer comes from a source outside of self.
The cure for sin comes in an alien righteousness applied to the soul. *John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*”
- The curse of cancer and the pain and suffering it brings causes the heart to want to leave the body behind in hope of a better place.
The burden of sin causes the soul to turn thoughts from time to eternity with hope of a better tomorrow.
- While there are many ways to arrest cancer there is no known cure for all of its forms.
There is no human cure for sin and so a soul must be born again. This is the divine remedy.
- Cancer robs life of essential joyful meaning and it robs the body of beauty and health.
Sin causes the soul to flee from fellowship with God and hide in shame with a view towards the destruction of the body. The law of entropy is in effect.
- Cancer is rightly hated when its very name is announced.
Sin should be hated though love and kindness is to be reserved for the sinner.
- Those with cancer are and should be sympathetic to others with the dreaded disease.
Those who know sin as the plague of all plagues should be longsuffering towards others who have the disease.
- A person can have cancer for a long time without realizing it.
Sin deceives its victims too as Eve was deceived in the Garden and as David deceived Uriah the Hittite concerning the evil intent of his heart towards him in the plotting of his murder.
- One day, if God is gracious, there will be a final cure for all forms of cancer.
Because God is gracious there is a final cure for every known sin even the blood of Jesus Christ. *Isa 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*

- Those with cancer want to warn others to avoid doing those things that might induce it.
Those who must endure the penalty of sin want others to avoid its consequences as the rich man in hell who did not want his brothers to come to a place of torments. *Luke 16:27 Then he [the rich man named Dives] said, [to Father Abraham] I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*