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As believers living in these last days we have a wonderful hope. Before the tribulation plagues arrive, we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (*1 Thess. 4:13-18*). Until then, we know that nothing, not even a tiny, infectious virus, can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (*Rom. 8:38-39*).

Our sovereign God controls every germ and every virus, and not one hair of our head can fall apart from His knowledge and consent (*Matt. 10:28-31*). Remember, a virus can only attack the body, but it can never harm the soul. Gaius was enduring poor bodily health, **and yet his soul was prospering** (*3 John 2*). The key is to make sure that all is well with our soul. God will take care of the rest. “Seek first the kingdom of God” and the Lord will make sure that we have everything we need to serve and honor Him (*Matt. 6:33*).

While people around us might panic, what a wonderful opportunity to point them to a loving God who cares for their souls. Let us be ready always to give an answer to everyone that may ask a reason for the hope that is in us with meekness and fear (*1 Pet. 3:15*).

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