

HIV / AIDS

ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND

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What is HIV?

- Human
- Immunodeficiency- a breakdown of the immune system
- Virus- a micro-organism
- **HIV- the virus which attacks the human immune system and causes AIDS which leads to death**

What is AIDS?

- **Acquired** - the HIV virus is passed from one person to another
- **Immune** - a protection against disease
- **Deficiency** - a loss of that protection
- **Syndrome** - a group of signs or symptoms or illnesses that together define AIDS and cause death
- **AIDS- a deficiency of the human immune system that you get from someone else which then kills you!**

HIV Is Transmitted By

- **Sexual Activity**
 - **Heterosexual (including oral sex)**
 - **Homosexual**
- **Mother To Child**
 - **In the Uterus**
 - **During Child Birth**
- **Injecting Drug Use**
- **Blood Products**

Three Primary Transmission Routes

- Body Fluids
- Mother to child
- Injecting drug Use

Body Fluids

- Semen
- Vaginal
- Blood

Tissue Damage Increases Risk of infection

- Lesions from sexually transmitted disease
- Forcible rape
- Immature tissue
- Inappropriate tissue

Risk of HIV Increases with:-

- Sexually transmitted disease
- Outbreaks of civil war
- Increase in injecting drug use

HIV Spreads Rapidly In Communities With:-

- Multiple partners
- Prostitution
- Early sexual initiation
- Child bearing by positive women

Onset of Illness Hastened By

- Malnutrition
- Poor healthcare systems
- Poverty

Course of Disease

- HIV negative - well - not at risk
- HIV negative - well - you are at risk
- HIV positive - well - others at risk from you
- HIV positive - sick - care needed
- HIV positive - dying - orphans

HIV Is A Wholly Preventable Disease But:-

- Reflects **choices**
- Reflects situations
- Reflects **customs and norms**

Kingdom Living

God's Answer to HIV / AIDS

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Please pray for

- Human sexual behaviour change
- More helpers to care for 40 million
- More educators in prevention