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## 2020 — 1st Quarter Prayer Letter

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

I do hope that each of you are doing well and keeping your eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ in these odd and trying times.

We started off 2020, as I could imagine most everyone else did, with great anticipation of what the new year would hold. We looked forward to seeing some changes that needed to be made physically and spiritually, but none of us could have imagined what would await us and on such a global scale.

After seeking the Lord for direction for the year of 2020, the theme of "Seeing Christ Clearly in 2020" was a burden on my heart. When we think about 2020 vision, we usually think of "perfect" eyesight, but according to the American Optometric Association "20/20 vision is a term used to express normal visual acuity [that is] the clarity or sharpness of vision, measured at a distance of 20 feet." So, in essence 20/20 vision is not necessarily "perfect" vision but rather clear vision.

The question is why is it so important to have 20/20; to have clear vision? What issues of life does clear vision help with? Clarity of vision helps with...

- Direction—it is hard to have clear direction if we don't have clear vision!
- Functionally—it is hard to do everyday tasks if we don't have clear vision!
- Assistance to others—it is hard to help others if we don't have clear vision ourselves!

This does apply to our physical bodies but there is certainly a spiritual application as well. I am convinced that if we could see Christ more clearly, we could see a turning point that we so desperately need; as individuals, as children of God, as a church, as a family, as a nation.

As it often happens when the Lord leads in a particular direction, we are tested in the area in which we are being led. We could choose to focus on all of the negative that comes with a situation such as a "global pandemic" but then we would miss the opportunity to see Christ more clearly! I know personally of several folks that we have witnessed to and invited to church (having yet to attend an in church service) that have told me that they have watched our online services. To God be the glory! Who knows what God has done, will do, and continues to do even in a time of uncertainty, a time of major changes to our everyday lives, and for many in the world a time of fear. Praise be to our Heavenly Father who has not "...given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Timothy 1:7); praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ for His shed blood and the free gift of salvation; and praise be to the Holy Ghost that is still convicting sinners and convincing them of their need to accept Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour!

Thank you all for your faithfulness, your love, your prayers, and your continued support even through these difficult days. You are such an important part of our lives and our ministry and we could never properly express the love and gratitude for each and every one of you!

With the Love of Christ,

Bro. John McKinney & Family