



Dear Saints of PFC,

As you know the news cycle has been dominated by expert and non-expert discussions and opinions regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19. As a direct response, many individuals, families, educational institutions, businesses, Synagogues, Mosques and Churches are experiencing social and economic anxiety. As a result they are hoarding supplies, amending, cancelling, postponing and/or suspending normal operations, events, routines and/or travel. As the Pastor of Piercing Faith Church, I wanted to personally reach out to all of you regarding this pressing issue.

Whether you believe our current situation is manufactured by human intentionality or accident, the COVID-19 virus is real. There are varied perspectives as to what's really going on and I have opted to address only three for brevity sake:

1. There are some who believe the virus is real but the crisis is wickedly contrived; and further hyped up by the media for ratings.
2. Still others watching the same news media outlets are saying that the potential impact is being underestimated and people should panic more.
3. Another camp believes that the Seven Seals (Tribulation Period) of Revelation chapters 5-10 are being unleashed.

All of the perspectives, listed above, left unchecked lead to fear. One and two may or may not be true and could easily be an accident, a created incident gone out of control, or a wicked intentional plan/smoke screen devised by wicked devices of men and women. However, number three is completely false and at best an incorrect interpretation of scripture. COVID-19 from the perspective of rightly divided Holy Scripture is not the wrath of God, but is a part of the mystery of iniquity that is at work in the earth that continues on earth until the Holy Ghost is taken out of it (2 Thess. 2:7). The Holy Ghost is in the saints and leaves when the saints leave (1 Thess. 4:13-18). We the saints have not been appointed to wrath (1Thess. 5:9) and have been delivered from the wrath to come by Yeshua (1Thess. 1:10).

Regardless of the origin of this present challenge, the saints of God should not operate or respond out of fear. Fear and anxiety weaken the immune system. In 2 Tim. 1:7-8 Paul encourages Timothy to boldly stir up the gift that was in him because God had not given us the spirit of fear but one of power, love and a sound mind. If you have the Holy Ghost, you have the gift from God. If you don't it's about time to get that heavenly hookup. Why? It's all about salvation. The saints are a chosen generation, royal priesthood, a holy nation and peculiar people, who sit in heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9; Eph. 2:6). As peculiar people we don't have to panic or be filled with anxiety. We have access to celestial power and protection, and a place to cast all our cares (1 Peter 5:7). This is a time to pray and not faint (Luke 18:1). The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and are safe (Prov. 18:10).

That being said, as a church we are doing our due diligence to make sure that the facility is sanitized before and after services. Here's what we're doing:

- In particular, we are paying special attention to interior touch points such as rails, doorknobs, pews or chair backs and other hard surfaces to name a few.
- We are encouraging everyone to govern themselves accordingly in regards to the recommendations and updates from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
- We are also cleaning our facilities frequently with recommended sanitizing products. Hand sanitizers have been placed in visible places throughout the church and the restrooms are scheduled to be sanitized every half hour. Thank you in advance for not allowing your children to play with the hand sanitizers.
- We are taking steps to safeguard the welfare of all who attend inclusive of volunteers. This includes instructing volunteers and anyone who feels ill to stay home and consult their healthcare providers. We are also urging all volunteers to be vigilant about frequent hand washing.

Facilitating the soul connection between you and the kingdom of God is our highest priority. And to the best of our ability we will strive to provide a safe space for this to happen. Thank you for being a part of the fellowship. Keep the faith and the prayers flowing for the saints of God locally, nationally and internationally. Pray that our heavenly Father would use us at this time to be salt and light in dark places all over the world. I truly appreciate the trust that you have placed in our leadership and our church. Thank you!

For His glory,

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