



CHRIST'S CHURCH  
OF THE CANYON

Week of March 22, 2020

Dear Christ's Church of the Canyon,

It's easy to lose perspective in the midst of these "virus days." Life doesn't go on as normal or as usual. In fact, the "COVID-19" bug has changed our lives completely and turned our world upside down! That's why it's imperative to keep a realistic perspective for our new "normal."

After some research regarding American's annual income I found a couple of interesting statistics. The median annual household income worldwide is **\$9,733**, and the median per-capita household income is **\$2,920**, according to new Gallup metrics (2013). A \$32,400 annual income will easily place American's into the top 1% of wage earners worldwide (2019).

I realize this information doesn't really help those in our culture financially, but it does give us perspective. As followers of Christ, our hope is and has never been in dollars and cents. In Psalm 38:15, the Psalmist writes, "For I hope in you LORD." Hope equals "to expect with confidence." There's a MUCH bigger picture going on in our country and worldwide as well. God is using a "bug" to get our attention - our attention for what reason? Precisely that our hope is based upon Him, not on our stockpiles of water, paper-towels or toilet paper!! The "doomsday" folks are absolutely convinced that the end of the world is at hand. No toilet paper = the end is near! Really? Maybe, just maybe God is using this time as a "priority shift" for Americans???

***What can you do?***

- Don't over-react
- Continue to wholly depend upon HIM
- Use the time to focus more on your family
- See this time as a **gift** from GOD

***And...***

- Stretch your hands across your street
- Ask your neighbors if they need any help
- Be willing to share essential needs (water, food, paper goods)
- Ask them if you can pray for them

**Upcoming**

We're hoping to have our latest sermon video ready for you by this Friday along with sermon notes (we'll contact you Friday with instructions)

You can give financially through online OR send your tithe to the church office (Box 1747, Wrightwood) via mail.

This can be a phenomenal time to reach the lost with God's care and concern working through us.

All of it because of a little "corona-shaped" bug!!

Blessings,  
Pr. Wayne