

## Pastor D's Letter May 15, 2022

Ephesians 1:16-21

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the **eyes of your hearts enlightened**, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

When I was at the West Coast Presbyterian Pastors Conference (WCPPC) my glasses broke. I was sitting listening to the speaker who had just begun to teach on Wednesday morning. I took my glasses off and they snapped in two in my hands. I left to try to fix them, but that proved impossible. The Director of Maintenance for Zephyr Point helped me by calling his optometrist and I got an appointment for the next day to get a prescription. After getting the prescription, I went to "Eye-mart Express" where 28 minutes later I had two pair of glasses (for \$38) to replace the one that broke. It was an answer to my prayer.

At my optometrist appointment I learned that I could see without my glasses well enough to drive. However, my driver's license says I must wear them. I do know I see better (long distance) with them than without them. Seeing clearly is a good thing. And I see better at a distance with my glasses.

Today there are many things that grab our attention. But these "things" can obscure and muddy our vision about what is true. The Bible depicts clear vision and having your eyes "enlightened". It is a great image, the light of God opening our eyes to see clearly.

As you look at the world around us and see all the red in the stock market and wonder about your financial future. As you see loved ones getting sick with Covid 19 and fear for your own health. As leaders of both political parties make pronouncements of what is right to do. Don't become self-focused in your vision. Don't let your vision become muddied by the things that worry us all. Instead, I pray that the eyes of your heart will be enlightened that you may see God's great power at work. And as you see God's power at work, may be encouraged by remembering God's will, will be done "on earth as it is in heaven."

I'm praying you have a clear vision of God's grace at work in your life.

See you on Sunday if not before,

Dr. D

## **NEWS UPDATES**

- Join us for **Fellowship after Church**. THIS WEEK WE MAKE SANDWICHES FOR CROSSROADS MISSION.
- **JOIN US FOR WVN Bible Study this Wednesday @6p.m.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. Our account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH**. If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you**. **Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
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