



Advent Reflection for Monday, November 29

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1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The world has felt so chaotic lately. Anyone else have that feeling? I may not be that old at 49, but I'm not that young either - I have never felt the future to hold so many unknowns. I have never felt so unsettled. The politics in our country have become so self-serving and I wonder if any politician is really focused on what is best for our country – not just his or her reelection. People seem terribly self-interested and we are living more than ever in a culture of “me, me, me.” We have a pandemic that is ever present in our nation and yet we cannot seem to agree on the most basic and fundamental safety measures. Wearing a mask has somehow become an infringement on one's civil liberties and not a simple means of protecting our fellow neighbor. Children continue to suffer the effects of the pandemic.

While children as a whole may seem to be more resilient to the physical effects of Covid, mentally they have suffered and continue to suffer greatly from isolation, displacement, and uncertainty. Imagine what a 13 or 16 year old saw and felt, without the benefit of our life perspective. To be sure, there are bright spots in all of this, and we have seen examples of people selflessly stepping up and helping one another, but I am tired of the discord. Worn out. Over it.

In this season of Advent, we anticipate not only the celebration of Christmas, but we also eagerly await the revelation of Jesus Christ. I take comfort in knowing that we do not wait alone. As Paul told the Church of Corinth, we have what we need. We are not lacking in any spiritual gifts and God will strengthen us to

the end so that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful. He is faithful and has not forgotten us.

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