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From the Pastor



## Seeing Dimly

Early this month I am going to have cataract surgery on both of my eyes. Here is a description of a cataract from the Mayo Clinic.

*A cataract is a clouding of the normally clear lens of your eye. For people who have cataracts, seeing through cloudy lenses is a bit like looking through a frosty or fogged-up window.<sup>1</sup>*

I was diagnosed with cataracts over a year ago, but it has now come to the point when I needed to have surgery. How did I know? It was getting harder and harder to see clearly. I was also born very near sighted.

There will soon come a day when I will be able to see clearly with both my eyes. I am also told my distance vision will be clear. That will be a great day!

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<sup>1</sup> Mayo Clinic Staff, Cataracts, from MayoClinic.org, at <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/ataracts/symptoms-causes/syc-20353790>, accessed on 7/23/20.



There is another day when we all will see even clearer than what cataract surgery can do. The apostle Paul speaks of it in his letter to the Corinthians.

*1 Corinthians 13:9-12* 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. (ESV)

Right now, we are in a world we find confusing. We ask, "Where is God in all this?" We also have all sorts of questions about God. Questions like, "What is heaven like?" or "How does the Trinity work?"

However, there will come a day when everything will be made clear. When Jesus returns, the "perfect" will be here. We will see God face to face, and we will be made perfect by God. At that moment we will understand everything that now we only understand dimly.

There will be day when I will see clearly through my physical eyes. I am excited for that day! There will come a day when we will see the things of God clearly. I am even more excited for that day!

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Art". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.