



Thursday Thought

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“I can see clearly now!”

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Verse for the week: 1 Corinthians 13:12(YLT) “For we see now through a mirror obscurely...; now I know in part, and then I shall fully know, as also I was known.”

I really hate wearing glasses. I’ve had to wear them since I was in elementary school. I’ve tried the ones that get dark outside and I’ve tried the ones that don’t fog (Actually, my current pair of glasses have this anti-fog stuff on them and because it’s almost all worn off, they always look dirty. I’m sure people wonder why I don’t clean them.). I’ve even tried contacts but that was a bit irritating to my eyes. The good news is that I can read without my glasses, but can’t see anything even a short distance away. I just wish I had perfect eyesight because it would be nice to not wear glasses. I really put my glasses through the ringer, and by the time I get new ones they are all scratched and bent. When I put my current pair of glasses on for the first time, it was like, “WOW, I can see!” I almost started singing the old song, “*I can see clearly now the rain is gone...*” It was amazing. You combine that with an actual rain fall that washes all of the dust out of the sky and you can see everything a little more clearly. You can even see the lines on the stop light lenses. New glasses and a fresh rain is pretty amazing!

So often life is much like my fogged up, scratched glasses. It’s hard to know why we are here or why things are happening, and doubt can even cause us to wonder if there is a God. 1 Corinthians 13:12 lets us know that one day we will be able to see clearly and have more of the answers, but we don’t have to wait for eternity to discover God. I’ve heard it said that “An atheist can’t find God for the same reason a thief can’t find a policeman!” God is there if you are looking for Him. **Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)** says, “**If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.**” Once we begin seeking God **wholeheartedly** we will find Him, and once we find we will wonder why we didn’t look sooner (or in my case, why I haven’t gotten new glasses)! I remember one older person that found God just days before he died. He told me that he wished he would have looked for God when he was younger. It’s never too early or too late to pursue a faith journey with our Creator!

Question to ask yourself: What is keeping you from looking wholeheartedly for God?

Where there is no vision, there is no hope. - George Washington Carver