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"Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand." [Daniel 12:10](#) nasb

Little about the future will be like the past for American Christians except for the nature of man; the nature of God; and the way the two are reconciled for His glory.

Little about how we have been doing church will suffice for the future, but there is a better way. There is the way of the Spirit. The Spirit of Pentecost. The Spirit of [Mt. 3:11b-12](#): "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." nasb

No one needs the benefit of COVID FIRE more than I do. None are more self-willed or arrogant or inclined to live for their own vainglory.

I qualify to judge no other man but only to extend mercy as He does to me. "For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment." [James 2:13](#) nasb
I may not write even one word that I think applies to another, more than to myself. I may not envision the application of truth to the life of another until I yield to it in my own soul.

There is none who deserves to be pushed away by Jesus, more than me, yet He says "Come."

Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,
And in secret You will make wisdom known to me.
7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
Cleanse me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness,
Let the bones You have broken rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins
And wipe out all my guilty deeds.
10 Create in me a clean heart, God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And sustain me with a willing spirit.
13 Then I will teach wrongdoers Your ways,
And sinners will be converted to You.
[Psa. 51:6-13](#) nasb

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