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Grace and Peace!

As the challenges ahead seem to mount, I wonder who we can look to—who the world can look to—for guidance. The short answer is, of course, our God. But realistically, in these days, not everyone will do that.

The current year is one for the record books already, and it is not yet half over. If you can remember way back to January and February, Australia was on fire, then came the pandemic, a severe economic downturn, then racial strife, including deaths, and protests and rioting in this country. The latest wonderful news I have heard has to do with an insect called the murder hornet, which is trying to gain a foothold in our country. No doubt that nickname was used because it makes for great headlines, but it does seem that this year is an especially challenging one.

But do you know who it is that has been given the gifts to lead this country and the world through these perilous times? It is us. It is you. We are the people endued with a faith in God's goodness and our own salvation. In our baptism, we have received all we need to be a light for a world that sometimes seems to be slipping toward darkness.

People are looking for the right people to help, and we are the right people.

Blessings,

Brian Jones