In good faith

To my fellow citizens of earth...

Allow me to take the opportunity in these days of general seclusion to communicate with you. We are all affected, if not deeply upset, by this pandemic and the drastic measures it has provoked, greatly disrupting our social and economic life. I am conscious also that it has added much suffering and increased anguish to many of the inhabitants of our planet.

Governments everywhere are trying to curb this epidemic; they have called upon our cooperation for months now to abide by their contingencies and rules to stop the spread of this terrible virus. You must have noticed, as I have, efforts by businesses and people in general to protect themselves as well as others. Wearing masks, cleansing hands at every entry point, distancing and abiding by all and every sanitary requirement are clear sign of people acting in good faith!

Good Faith and THE Good Faith

Notice however, that having good faith and having <u>the good faith</u> are two very distinct things. Our clearly manifested collective good faith mentioned above is worthy of praise; but do we have the good faith, the one that saves, that of the Gospel which you may have heard already and is presented in this short paper? Here it is again in its simplicity: it is about recognizing our imperfection and that we have all misbehaved one way or another; and so, to spare us from the judgment of God that we all deserve, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for our sins . "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:4-5). These are undeniable facts but greatly neglected or ignored these days. And we must understand that an intellectual assent to the message transforms no one and yields no true peace. God is looking for true repentance and faith in the heart, and then, He is pleased to grant, through the work of the Lord Jesus, forgiveness of sins, new life, perfect peace and spiritual intelligence.

Let us not downplay the current events, things never seen before, conditions that linger on and are not going away soon; they require each one of us to take serious notice! Take advantage of the general appeals to your <u>good faith</u> to seek out <u>the good faith</u> or confirm you have it already! <u>The good faith</u> is the one that saves us forever once we put our trust in the Lord who loves us and is calling us to Himself. His promised return is on the horizon! I firmly believe that the present events are the forerunners of terrible global disruptions which will precede the establishment of the supreme reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Wait no longer, because there is no escape if one neglects a salvation that cost so much and is offered freely to those who have faith to receive it. Repent and believe the good news today!

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