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Why I Wear a Mask

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Do you wear a face mask to help prevent the spread of coronavirus? I see a lot of people in society not wearing them. Many express that it is their right as an American not to wear one. I'll be honest, when it was determined that wearing masks in public was a good idea, I did not originally do so. But after some reflection on the matter, I changed my mind and now I wear one. Here's why.

- The government has asked me to do it. As Christians, we are to follow the laws and regulations of the land (Rom. 13:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:13-14). Of course, there is the exception of obeying God when God's laws disagree with man's (Acts 5:29), but, without a doubt, that does not apply here. Because the government has requested that I wear a mask, I should comply.
- Compassion compels me to do it. The Bible instructs Christians to consider the needs of others even above their own (Phil. 2:3-4). Part of being a good neighbor is showing compassion for them and their needs (Luke 10:29-37). Because I could be a carrier of the virus and not know it, concern and compassion for others obligates me to wear a mask.
- Love motivates me to do it. Agape love is a selfless, giving kind of love that acts on behalf of what is best for others (1 Cor. 13:4-8a). We are told that one of the greatest commands from God is to love your neighbor (Matt. 22:35-40). Love is a great motivator and true love for others should move us to wear masks when we are around them.

When I consider all of the above, I can come to only one conclusion: Why do I wear a face mask? Be-

cause God wants me to do it. It obeys the government's wishes, it helps others, and it is a part of showing my love – and God wants me to do all of these to His glory.

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Mark Opening Hymn:

584—In My Heart There Rings a Mel-

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Opening Prayer: Ray

Hymn:

473—Further Along

Scripture Reading: Ryan 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Hymn:

310—Gethsemane **Lord's Supper**: Dale

Hymn:

408—Unclouded Day

Sermon: Mark **Invitation Hymn**:

596—God is Calling the Prodigal

Closing Hymn:

397—Precious Memories Closing Prayer: Larry

PRAYER LIST Love *Ron M. is home form the hospi-Scripture Reference: I Corinthians 13:1-13 tal recovering from double pneumonia. ANGELS BECOME **BEHAVE** BECAME *Margaret's finger is healing BELIEVES BESTOW BURNED CHILDISH well. CLANGING CYMBAL **ENDURES** INIQUITY *Wanda and her family. ITSELF KNOWLEDGE MIRROR MOUNTAINS MYSTERIES NOTHING PARADE PERFECT *Kathy and her friends. PROFITS PROPHECY PROPHESY PROVOKED *Zarna and her family. PUFFED REJOICE REMOVE RUDELY *Larry and Ruth. SOUNDING THINGS THINKS SUFFERS *Pat and Ron and their daughters. UNDERSTAND UNDERSTOOD THOUGHT TONGUES *Juanita's sister Betty. VANISH WHETHER *Mary and her family. *Robert and Sara DENOWABID T E FH A S *Juanita and her family Ι S S Ι Ε C Η Ι L D Η *Ray and Barbara Ε Ι Ι Ι D Η 0 S Ρ Т U *Dale and his family. His friend S Darrell who has a tumor. Υ 0 Ε 0 D V Т Ν G Ν *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven. S \mathbf{L} Τ Ι Ε K Ρ Ε V \mathbf{L} Α Α Ν 0 *Myron & Carole R F Ι Ε 0 W V 0 *Mark and his family. A C AF Ν V \Box R Ν S R 0 Τ 0 *Our congregation *Our Veterans R Ε U F G ΥP Ν Ε Ρ Ν R S *Our nation and the world Μ Ι K G Ρ CALENDAR \mathbf{L} F S L \mathbf{E} C Ν Ε Ι R U Τ Η Т Sep. 1—b. Juanita Ε S Ι Т Ε R U Ε Ν 0 Ν В U Sep. 2—b. Nina Sep. 4—Business Meeting 7 pm 0 В G Ρ D Ε D Ε Sep. 4—b. Austin U Ε R H Ι Ρ R Ρ Μ 0 0 Η Sep. 5—b. David VAE Ε МА С Ε Ν Sep. 6—Worship 11 am G Т Η U G Speaker: Mark 0 Sep. 6—Bible Study 6 pm \mathbf{E} \mathbf{E} Y M ΗΥ W ΗЕ Τ Η R on-line L VAHE В 0 В Ε С 0 Sep. 13—Worship 11 am ERSGNIHTCENDURESJK Speaker: Mark Sep. 13—Bible Study 6 pm Hidden Message: on-line

Answer to Puzzle: Now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is

The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom);

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