

## January 2020 Report from Gary Henry

Dear brethren,

Blessings and best wishes on this, the first day of a brand new year — and even a brand new decade. I pray that your health will be such that you can continue your part in the Lord's work in the coming year, but if any of us have gone to be with the Lord by this time next year, that will be even better.

Physically, my own health situation continues to be challenging. In fact, the issues I have to deal with are multiplying. I do not worry about it, and if the result turns out to be the shortening of my life in this world, I do not consider that to be a problem, as long as the Lord's will is done. But in order to write, I will have to have a certain amount of strength and clarity. So I hope you'll pray, not that my life will be spared, but that if I live, I will be able to write.

As you know, I also struggled this past year with some mental health issues, and I am happy to report that those have improved. Both of the two psychologists with whom I worked have dismissed me (although I will be able to visit either of them in the future if I need to). The psychiatrist I have been seeing is weaning me off the medications that he had prescribed, and as soon as that is done, I will not need to see him on a regular basis anymore. So, while the things that took place last year were fearful (I will never again take for granted the ability to distinguish reality from non-reality), the experience was one of personal growth, and I am looking forward to using the insights I gained.

Many people continue to ask about my financial support, and I am glad to say that it is stable, at least for now. When you receive support from as many different sources as I do, it is a constantly changing situation. Not many months go by without one or more congregations having to reduce their support or discontinue it altogether. So when I say that I have the support I need, that may have changed by this time next month. But the Lord has been very gracious to me, and I want you to know that, for the time being, I have the support that I need.

I do want to mention one particular congregation: the North Courtenay congregation in Merritt Island, Florida. This past year, they came riding to the rescue with some support that truly made a difference in my survival. I can't thank them enough. I held a meeting for them many years ago, and since then they have been extremely encouraging. As I look back over this past year and its difficulties, the group at North Courtenay deserves a special thank-you.

Even with last year's setbacks, I was able to reach my end-of-the-year goal of finishing the pages for January-August in the new book, *Obeying the Gospel*. It was a close call (I only finished the last two pages yesterday), but the milestone was reached, thanks to the Lord's grace. So that leaves the pages for September-December to be written in the first half of 2020, and then the last half of the year will be spent writing the materials for the *AreYouaChristian.com* website that will accompany the book. It will be a busy year. But if I can keep my nose to the grindstone, January 1, 2021 — exactly one year from now — will be the day when all of this massive work will be ready for evangelistic use.

As we finish the decade of the "10's," we are now ready for the "20's." I've got writing projects lined up that could easily take the next ten years or more, *and these are projects that will be the most important of my life*. I hope the next decade will be the "Roaring Twenties," as far as my writing output is concerned. With every new page I write, I am ever more conscious of the good that can be done with these books. I pray that you will help me get them finished.

Brotherly,



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