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## I CAN SEE YOU!

*Now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.*

1 Corinthians 13:12

### READ 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

The optometrist helped three-year-old Andreas adjust his first pair of glasses. "Look in the mirror," she said. Andreas glanced at his reflection, then turned to his father with a joyful and loving smile. Then Andreas' father gently wiped the tears that slipped down his son's cheeks and asked, "What's wrong?" Andreas wrapped his arms around his father's neck. "I can see you." He pulled back, tilted his head, and gazed into his father's eyes. "I can see you!"

As we prayerfully study the Bible, the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see Jesus, the "image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15). However, even with our vision cleared by the Spirit as we grow in knowledge through Scripture, we can still only see a glimpse of God's infinite immensity on this side of eternity. When our time on earth is done or when Jesus fulfills His promise to return, we'll see Him clearly (1 Corinthians 13:12).

We won't need special glasses in that joy-filled moment when we see Christ face-to-face and know Him as He knows each of us, the beloved members of the body of Christ the church. The Holy Spirit will infuse us with the faith, hope, and love we need to stand firm, until we gaze at our loving and living Savior and say, "I can see You, Jesus. I can see You!"

By **Xochitl Dixon**

### PRAY & REFLECT

**Jesus, please help me see You clearer and know You intimately as I walk with You faithfully now and until the day You call me home or come again. Amen**

What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you recently as you've read the Bible? How has your growth in the knowledge of God changed you?

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

The King James Version translates 1 Corinthians 13:12 this way: "For now we see through a glass, *darkly*; but then face to face." Of note is the word *darkly*, which the NIV translates *reflection*. The word in the Greek is *ainigma* (only used here in the New Testament), from which we get the word *enigma*. It means "an obscure saying, something dark, abstract." It's believed that Paul may have had Numbers 12 in mind when he used this term. God affirmed Moses and his ministry with these words: "When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses . . . With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord" (vv. 6-8). – By **Arthur Jackson**

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