



## Trifecta

When a better accurately predicts the first three finishers in a race, it is called hitting the trifecta. Colloquially the term is used to identify a triple win against long odds. I hit the trifecta, or maybe I should say the trifecta hit me. Let me explain:

In October, I received intensive radiation treatments, making November a month of recovery. In December, I contracted Covid, which wiped me out for a month. Between the cancer treatments and Covid, I ended up anemic, which I am now trying to crawl my way out of. It's all part of the joy of the human experience! The apostle Paul had something to say about this:

**So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. – 2 Corinthians 4:16**

The inner self, of course, is a reference to the new creation which takes place when a person meets Christ. An unsaved person can put up a good front and make the best of things, but the Christian has eternity to look forward to!

Paul had more to say on the topic in the next few verses:

**For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. – 2 Corinthians 4:17-18**

In comparison to all that will take place as we experience the next life, every trial here is a light momentary affliction. This is what I call the Christian perspective. There are things more important than quality of life, like eternal life.

## Happy New Year!

I realize it is almost March, but I hope you still have that “new beginning” attitude. I haven’t written since the holiday and I didn’t want to miss it. The world looks at New Year’s as an opportunity for a clean slate, a new beginning. But in reality it is just a turning of the page from December to January, new leaves are turned as well, but not much else.

The Christian experience is one of constant newness and renewal, “all things become new!” Not only that but we are given the promise in 1 John 1:9 that confession of our sins leads to complete cleansing:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

It’s a great promise. It’s a new beginning daily, not an artificial newness that is somehow tied to the calendar. It’s is the newness of life that every believer is invited to.

## It’s gone

That’s what the Doctor told me, “The cancer is gone.” After the proton radiation treatments a CT scan did not detect any more cancer. That is great news, but it is also expected that some microscopic cells are still there and ready to start a new tumor. I will continue with Immune therapy and undergo tests to monitor the situation. In the mean time #pgfwabf (Praise God from whom all blessings flow).

## I gained weight!

After losing 95 lbs., I have actually gained 15 of it back. That’s big news and a lot of work. Basically, I have to just keep eating. My stomach is compromised due to a 2019 surgery. I want to gain at least 15 more and keep it on. Hopefully, the cancer will stay at bay. Please add this ministry to the bottom of your prayer list. If the Lord continues to give me breath, I want to be talking about His grace. In the meantime I have to go, it’s time to eat again.

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