



Daily Reflections

June 11, 2017

Scripture

John 3: 16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Our Scripture Reflection

You see today's Gospel text in part on posters and billboards everywhere. It has been called the "Gospel in Capsule Form" because it gives us the bottom line about God's desires for us. Now all we have to do is live it.

Food for your Journey

A Christian-owned Kwik Kar Lube & Service in Plano lets customers who recite a Bible verse get a \$19.99 oil change. When one non-believing customer refused, his bill went up to \$46, sparking controversy over the deal

Charlie Whittington, who owns the station and came up with the deal, is standing firm on his faith, despite complaints from Marshall Wei, who just

wants the same perks as those who did recite the popular Christian declaration of faith: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The coupon Wei received said customers must quote the verse to get the \$19.99 price.

Dallas attorney Andy Siegel told the station that as a private business, the Bible-based discount seems to be within the law, though he added, "The study of the Bible has many rewards. I'm not sure that God intended a lube discount to be among its many riches."

--Kate Shellnut, "Reciting John 3:16 gets customers a discount at a Texas service station," Houston Chronicle Website, September 29, 2011, <http://blog.chron.com>.

In reference to John 3:16, and the depth of God's love, here's a story about thoughtful love: A young woman walked into a fabric shop, went to the counter and asked the owner for some noisy, rustling material. The owner found two such bolts of fabric but was rather puzzled at the young lady's motives. Why would anyone want several yards of noisy material? Finally, the owner's curiosity got the best of him, and he asked the young lady why she particularly wanted noisy cloth.

She answered, "You see, I am making a wedding gown, and my fiancé is blind. When I walk down the aisle, I want him to know when I've arrived at the altar, so he won't be embarrassed."

--Various Internet sources. Thanks to R. Danese Collins.

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, I am so grateful for the gift of Your unconditional and sacrificial love. May I show my gratitude by loving You and Your people. Amen.