



# Daily Reflections

**June 17, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **2 Corinthians 5: 14-21**

Brothers and sisters:

The love of Christ impels us,  
once we have come to the conviction that one died for all;  
therefore, all have died.

He indeed died for all,

so that those who live might no longer live for themselves  
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh;  
even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh,  
yet now we know him so no longer.

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:

the old things have passed away;

behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God,

who has reconciled us to himself through Christ

and given us the ministry of reconciliation,

namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,

not counting their trespasses against them

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ,

as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,  
so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

"The love of Christ impels us..." This statement from Paul in today's text provides us with an understanding of his motivation to proclaim the Gospel. Paul was absolutely smitten by his awareness of how much Christ loved him, so much so that he was willing to undergo great suffering. Paul lived to bring all people to an awareness of the love of Christ for them.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Remember, O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But, do not remember all of the suffering they have inflicted upon us; Instead, remember the fruits we have borne because of this suffering -- our fellowship, our loyalty to one another, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart that has grown from this trouble. When our persecutors come to be judged by you, let all of these fruits that we have borne be our forgiveness.

--Anonymous, found in the clothing of a dead child at Ravensbruck concentration camp. From Prayers of the Martyrs, compiled and translated by Duane W.H. Arnold. (Zondervan, 1991), 73.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Thank you for Your amazing love for me, a love that You demonstrated once and for all on Calvary. May I show my gratitude by doing Your work each day. Amen.