



Daily Reflections

September 12, 2017

Scripture

Colossians 2: 6-15

Brothers and sisters:

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him,
rooted in him and built upon him
and established in the faith as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one captivate you with an empty, seductive philosophy
according to the tradition of men,
according to the elemental powers of the world
and not according to Christ.

For in him dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily,
and you share in this fullness in him,
who is the head of every principality and power.

In him you were also circumcised
with a circumcision not administered by hand,
by stripping off the carnal body, with the circumcision of Christ.

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.

And even when you were dead in transgressions
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
he brought you to life along with him,
having forgiven us all our transgressions;

obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims,
which was opposed to us,
he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross;
despoiling the principalities and the powers,
he made a public spectacle of them,
leading them away in triumph by it.

Our Scripture Reflection

Paul, the evangelizer, had to deal with two major forces that challenged his spreading of the Gospel. First, the Law of Moses. There were those of Jewish descent who had a most difficult time in letting go of their belief in Jewish tradition. On the other hand, there were many who were caught up in pagan philosophies and religions. Paul taught that Jesus was the true and only way. He encouraged his audience to simply "walk in Him", that is, to live what Paul taught them about Jesus.

Food for your Journey

Some thoughts on light:

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

--Plato.

Light thinks it travels faster than anything but it is wrong. No matter how fast light travels, it finds the darkness has always got there first, and is waiting for it.

--Terry Pratchett, Reaper Man.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Help me this day to walk in Your Presence by living Your Gospel. In doing so, may I experience the joy that only Your way can give. Amen.