



# Daily Reflections

**January 3, 2018**

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## Scripture

**1 John 2:29- 3:6**

If you consider that God is righteous,  
you also know that everyone who acts in righteousness  
is begotten by him.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure,  
as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin commits lawlessness,  
for sin is lawlessness.

You know that he was revealed to take away sins,  
and in him there is no sin.

No one who remains in him sins;

no one who sins has seen him or known him.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

What an incredibly humbling thought John gives us in our Scripture text! We are beloved children of God Almighty! Can you believe it? May we now spend 2018 revealing to the world what it means to be a child of God.

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### **Food for your Journey**

Those who are in recovery programs have little confusion about what it means to "walk in the light." To help them walk in the light, several of the "Twelve Steps" are particularly applicable here:

We honestly admit our weaknesses, that we are powerless over our darker habits and that our lives have become unmanageable ...

We trust God to restore us to sanity ...

We turn our will and our lives over to God ...

We make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves, and we are entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character ...

We seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understand him, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out.

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### **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear God,

May my life be of use to You this year.

May my talents and intelligence help heal the world.

May I remember how much I have by remembering how much I have to give.

May I not be tempted by smaller things

but serve my larger mission of forgiveness and love. Thus shall I be lifted, God, and know joy this coming year and beyond. Bless me and work through me to bless the entire world. Amen