



# Daily Reflections

**January 6, 2018**

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## Scripture

### **1 John 5: 5-18**

Beloved:

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and Blood.  
The Spirit is the one who testifies,  
and the Spirit is truth.  
So there are three that testify,  
the Spirit, the water, and the Blood,  
and the three are of one accord.  
If we accept human testimony,  
the testimony of God is surely greater.  
Now the testimony of God is this,  
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.  
Whoever believes in the Son of God  
has this testimony within himself.  
Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar  
by not believing the testimony God has given about his Son.  
And this is the testimony:  
God gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son.  
Whoever possesses the Son has life;  
whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you so that you may know  
that you have eternal life,  
you who believe in the name of the Son of God.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

The earliest heresy in the Church was known as "docetism" which means "to seem or to appear". They were called docetists because they held that Jesus was not fully man but only appeared to be. Their thinking was rooted in a notion that God could not possibly die on the cross, therefore, Jesus, being God, only appeared to be human. John counters this heresy in today's Scripture text by insisting that Our Lord did, indeed, shed water and blood as He died (John 19:34). John wants all believers to know without a doubt, Jesus, fully human and fully divine, gave everything for our salvation. No greater gift has ever been given mankind.

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## **Food for your Journey**

"Written in Red" by Gordon Jensen ((c)1990 Word Music), sung by Janet Paschal(1996):

In letters of crimson, God wrote his love

On a hillside so long, long ago.

For you and for me, Jesus died,

And love's greatest story was told.

I love you, I love you.

That's what Calvary said.

I love you, I love you

Written in red.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, my Lord and Savior, You gave everything so that I might have the promise of everlasting life when this life comes to an end. Help me, Lord, during this new year to live a life worthy of Your wonderful promise. Amen