



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 16: 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own,

but he will speak what he hears,

and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me,

because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine;

for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus knew that times would be difficult for the disciples after His resurrection and they were. There were three major periods of persecution when thousands of Christians were brutally slaughtered by the Roman authorities. But through it all the Church grew and spread like wild fire. Why? The Holy Spirit was with them giving them courage and wisdom. The Same Holy Spirit is available to all who call upon Him, in our own day.

Food for your Journey

Oswald Chambers, in the classic devotional, *My Utmost for His Highest*, cautioned Christians against thinking of uncertainty in this life as a bad thing. "The nature of the spiritual life," said Chambers "is that we are certain in our uncertainty. ..."

"The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what he is going to do next. If our certainty is only in our beliefs, we develop a sense of self-right-eousness, become overly critical, and are limited by the view that our beliefs are complete and settled."

"But when we have the right relationship with God," Chambers explained, "life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy. Jesus said, '...believe also in me' (John 14:1), not, 'Believe certain things about me.' Leave everything to him and it will be gloriously and graciously uncertain how he will come in — but you can be certain that he will come."

A Prayer from the Heart

Come Holy Spirit to guide and direct, to protect and grow the Church throughout the world today. Keep us ever faithful to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen