



Daily Reflections

May 30, 2018

Scripture

1 Peter 1: 18-25

Beloved:

Realize that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,
handed on by your ancestors,
not with perishable things like silver or gold
but with the precious Blood of Christ
as of a spotless unblemished Lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world
but revealed in the final time for you,
who through him believe in God
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are in God.

Since you have purified yourselves
by obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love,
love one another intensely from a pure heart.

You have been born anew,
not from perishable but from imperishable seed,
through the living and abiding word of God, for:

"All flesh is like grass,
and all its glory like the flower of the field;
the grass withers,
and the flower wilts;
but the word of the Lord remains forever."

This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

Our Scripture Reflection

Peter knew all too well that it was easy for Christians to get distracted in the spiritual life: By worries, attempts at prayer that do not seem to bear fruit quickly enough, by mood swings, by doubts, etc., etc. When distractions occur we miss the most important Truth: Our faith and our redemption, our purpose for existence is the "Precious Blood of Christ." He and His sacrifice for us are the foundation of who we are. Everything we do must flow from Him.

Food for your Journey

J. Walter Cross tells of attending a Carl Sandburg reading while a student at the University of South Florida. "The auditorium was packed with people. Mr. Sandburg read in a voice that was almost inaudible. All around me there were whispers, 'What did he say? What is he reading?' And all we could hear was those questions. In a still room his words could have been heard, but the hubbub of our whispers kept us from hearing."

--Cross,

Bradenton Florida (30 August 1992).

How many of us are so anxious about what is happening, so worried about where we fit in, so stressed out about what God may be up to, that we let our concerns drown out God's presence and power?

A Prayer from the Heart

Heavenly Father, Sometimes the way ahead seems so clear but at other times the way seems shrouded with uncertainty and the road ahead seems to be hidden in the questioning shadows. I want to be in Your perfect will Lord and I pray that Your will be done in every area of my life. I long to have Your assurance that this is the way to walk. Strengthen my faith. Lead me Lord on the right path, the path You have planned for me. I place my trust in You for You have promised to be with me wherever I go. Amen