



Daily Reflections

May 1, 2019

Scripture

John 3: 16-21

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.
And this is the verdict,

that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Our Scripture Reflection

There is an explicit challenge in today's very familiar Gospel reading: If we accept the Word made Flesh into our lives, we must reflect His light. Once

embracing Jesus completely, how could we ever remain the same? And once we do, how can His light and truth not shine forth for others to see? My Friends, that's how you and I change the world for Christ.

Food for your Journey

When native converts of the island of Madagascar used to present themselves for baptism, it was often asked of them, "What first led you to think of becoming Christians? Was it a particular sermon or address or the reading of God's Word?"

The answer usually was that the changed conduct of others who had become Christians was what first arrested their attention. "I knew this man to be a thief; that one was a drunkard; another was very cruel and unkind to his family. Now they are all changed. The thief is an honest man; the drunkard is sober and respectable; and the other is gentle and kind in his home. There must be something in a religion that can work such changes."

—<http://elbourne.org/sermons/index.mv?illustration+2405>.
September 22, 2008.

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A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, At times this wonderful world which You created as good can seem so dark and sinful. But that is not what you intended! You sent Your only Son Jesus to be the light. Use me, Lord, this day to reflect His light to all whom I encounter. May they see Christ in me. Amen