



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 3: 31-36

The one who comes from above is above all.

The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things.

But the one who comes from heaven is above all.

He testifies to what he has seen and heard,
but no one accepts his testimony.

Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy.

For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God.

He does not ration his gift of the Spirit.

The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,
but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life,
but the wrath of God remains upon him.

Our Scripture Reflection

Does the world need a Savior? If you listen carefully to popular discourse whether the words come from the lips of the Hollywood elite or many of the elected officials or those who have made science and technology a god, it seems that they see man as his own savior. But we who profess faith in Jesus know that thinking is rooted in a lie. God sent His only Son because we couldn't nor ever will be able to save ourselves. So when you encounter a

situation where you are surrounded by those who are self-consumed, may the way you live your life be a living billboard which reads: "I beg to differ."

Food for your Journey

"Christians believe that God's salvation is of all creation," writes William Willimon of Duke University in *Theology Today* (1995). "It is cosmic, large. Yet none of this is self-evident to the world. So we gather on a weekly basis to testify that the resurrection of Jesus has changed the world, to tell and to embody a story the world cannot know apart from the witness of the church. The very precariousness of the church's existence today in this culture requires faith on our part to say that God really is in control of history, that God will not be mocked, and that the purposes of God shall not be forever thwarted"

"Our greatest ethical, political need right now is not for new or better rules. What we're dying of is a lack of imagination. We need some great gift that would enable us to imagine our little lives as caught up in something greater than ourselves, as contributing, in their countless personal acts, to something public and cosmic."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You sent Your only Son into this world to be our Way, our Truth and our Life. Help me through my daily living to witness to Him in my words and actions. Amen