



Daily Reflections

October 17, 2016

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10

Brothers and sisters:

You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you once lived following the age of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh, following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come

he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;
it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them.

Our Scripture Reflection

Paul reminds us in today's text that God gave everything for us in His only Son, Jesus Christ. How do we respond to so great a gift? Embrace Jesus completely and live His way.

Food for your Journey

If a poet or an artist puts himself into his productions he is criticized.

But that is exactly what God does; he does so in Christ.

And precisely that is Christianity. The creation was really only completed when God included himself in it.

Before the coming of Christ, God was certainly in the creation, but as an invisible sign, like the watermark in paper. But the creation was completed by the incarnation because God thereby included himself in it.

In essence, God moved from being the watermark to being the letterhead.

—Soren Kierkegaard.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, When You give, You give completely and only the best. May I turn all that I have over to You, my very life. May I learn to love You in every way and in all things. Amen.