



Daily Reflections

October 20, 2016

Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-20

Brothers and sisters:

I kneel before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory
to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self,
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine,
by the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Scripture Reflection

In today's scripture text, Paul prays for us, that we may experience the fullness of Christ's Presence and that we may share that Presence with others. Paul closes his prayer knowing that the more we believe and witness to what we believe, the more God in Heaven receives glory. What more can we possibly give to the one who has all?

Food for your Journey

When I was a teenager, while others were listening to the local radio stations that played popular music, I listened to a station in New York with the call letters of WOR. It featured two interesting persons late in the evening that I regularly listened to: Jean Shepherd and Barry Farber. It was a 50,000-watt station that drifted in and out on my little radio. But I learned to listen well and discern the distinct sound on that station from all the other sounds on the radio dial. Even when there was news or commercials or static, I could discern the voice of WOR because I knew the sound and listened hard. I learned how to tune in the station even in the dark. I knew generally where to turn the dial and then to fine tune to separate out the station from all the other competing stations.

We need to learn to listen in such a way that we can discern God's voice in the midst of the myriad of messages coming at us in our society. We can do this by immersing ourselves in the places God has provided for us to hear his word: scripture, prayer, meditation, study, worship, fellowship with other Christians. Down through the years these have been called the means of grace. They prepare us to hear the Word of God that comes directly to us. We can more easily discern the Voice of God from all the voices that call to us.

--Carl B. Rife, Baltimore, Maryland.

Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You have given me an abundance of Your Grace and the ability to witness to Your Presence in my life. Through my words and actions this day, may I draw people to You. Amen.