

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Grasping the Benefits of Having the Son"

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The benefit of Sacrificial love
 Read from Scripture what the Ultimate Father did. "For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Those who receive the Father's gift, receive all the Father has. The Bible gives us this wonderful truth, "What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:1-7)
 There's no greater love than that shown by Jesus Christ. John 15:13 says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrated His

love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
 While people were living for themselves, not knowing or loving Christ, He died for their redemption. He gave His life, so we may know the Father, know Him and walk in step with the Holy Spirit.
 That kind of love must be

treasured; someone may have given his life for a friend, co-worker, or partner in service of our country. Christ died for those who despised Him
 It must be remembered, when we accepted Christ as our personal Savior and Lord, we were not only adopted into the Father's family as sons and daughters, we were drafted in the war

for the souls of mankind. (Matthew 28:18-20) It must also be noted that Jesus' death for all of mankind was a demonstration of His love for us, not a response of our love for Him.
 "During World War II, an enemy submarine approached a fleet of ships in the North Atlantic. The captain of one vessel spotted the white mark of a torpedo coming directly at his ship. His transport was loaded with literally hundreds and hundreds of young soldiers on the way to the European front. He realized they would not have time to maneuver to avoid the torpedo. He grabbed the loudspeaker and cried out, 'Boys, this it!'

Nearby though, a little escorting destroyer also observed the torpedo. The captain ordered, 'Full speed ahead!' His ship steamed into the path of the torpedo. The destroyer was blown up; it sank very quickly. Every man on board died. The captain of the troop transport ship sadly said, 'The skipper of that destroyer was our friend.' (AMG Bible Illustrations)
 With the sins of the world on their way to destroy all of mankind, Jesus, sacrificed His life on the cross so we may receive eternal life. He is the Friend who gave His life for us.

A Touch of Glory



All around us we see evidence of labor – everything we use or touch has involved the labor of someone at some time. Some jobs are more glamorous than others, but all jobs are important. Maybe you don't feel that your job is so glorious. Yet, if you do your job to the best of your ability and for the glory of God, you cannot help but show enthusiasm to those around you. As you celebrate Labor Day this year, won't you take time to think about worshipping the Creator each week in His house? He will show you how to put a "touch of glory" in your life.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Titus 1.1-16	Titus 2.1-15	Titus 3.1-15	Daniel 1.1-21	Daniel 2.1-23	Daniel 2.24-49	Daniel 3.1-30
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society						
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