

Monday, March 16

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Lent is a very special journey that God's children take as they prepare for Easter. It is a time of spiritual reflection on where we have been and a time to seek God's guidance as we prepare for our faith walk ahead.

God in His great mercy sent His son Jesus Christ, to overcome what we could not do for ourselves. All of our debts, known and unknown, past, present and future were wiped clean by a God who loves each of us unconditionally, so much so, that He would send His very own son. Those of us who are parents know just a taste of that unconditional love, because it is what we show our children. Yet none of us would likely volunteer to send our child in Christ's place, nor would we go ourselves.

God's gift of His son brought us the most precious gift of all - eternal life. Because we are of the world and in the flesh, no matter how much we try, we could never earn our way to Heaven. It is by grace that we are saved, not by our good works. Because of God's unconditional love, our inheritance was a promise that Christ sealed at the cross. No matter what we do, it can never be taken away from us.

As we walk together through Lent to Easter, let it be a time that changes us...that we are drawn closer to each other and most importantly to our Father in Heaven. Let it be a time that despite the turmoil around us, we tear down the walls that keep us from sharing our faith with the people we meet each day. Let it be a time that the light of Christ is seen by others by the fruits of the spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control that are evident in all that we do and all that we say. For though we have not seen Christ, we love Him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we praise you for the most precious gift of all, the gift of eternal life that Jesus Christ sealed for us at the cross. May the light of Christ, within each of us, reflect you to the world, and most importantly, to those who do not know you. Open our hearts, eyes and ears, that we will be more sensitive to the needs of those around us and more willing to serve you through them. In our Lord Jesus' name we pray, Amen

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