

Devotional Guide for the Week of November 30

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, thank you for the many gifts You have given me. Help me to better understand the gift of Your grace in this time. Amen.

Daily Reading and Reflection

Prayer: for the church, for others, for myself.

Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus!
Ruler of all nature!
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish;
The will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadow;
Fairer still the woodlands,
Roved in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine;
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry hosts.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast!

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Flory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Closing Prayer: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen (Psalm 72:18-19)

Monday

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reflect: How does Paul's definition of love inform our understanding of God's grace? What is the most important part of this chapter to you? Why does it stick out to you most? How can you apply this understanding of love to one relationship in your life today?

Tuesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Reflect: In what ways are we constantly being delivered over to death as Christians? Is Paul talking only about persecution in this passage? Do modern Christians face similar sorts of light and momentary troubles? What is the weight of glory produced in us through our troubles?

Wednesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Reflect: What does it mean that we have been given the ministry of reconciliation? How does the ministry of reconciliation work out in the church, and in the lives of Christians? In what ways are those who are in Christ new creatures?

Thursday

Read: Ephesians 4:17-5:21

Reflect: In what ways should believers expect to become like Christ? What will it look like to be wise as Paul tells us to be wise? How will imitating Christ help us to be subject to one another?

Friday

Read: Ephesians 3:14-21

Reflect: How does every family on earth derive its name from God? What change would be made in us if we were able to comprehend the love of Christ? What hope is there of us comprehending this love that surpasses knowledge?