



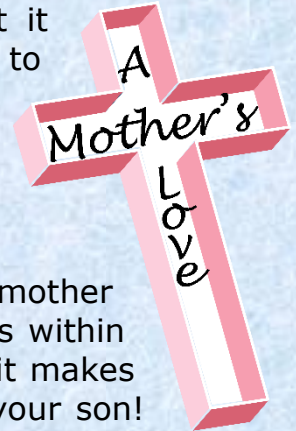
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A Christian Reflection ~ May, 2017



A Mother's Love

Having just celebrated Easter, it caused me to reflect on what it must have been like to witness the crucifixion, and then of course to be there when they found out that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead, exactly as he said he would. There is however another reflection Easter caused for me, and that is due to another tremendous holiday that we will soon celebrate ... Mother's Day!



Mother's Day has always been very special to me, because my mother has been so special to me. Mothers have a unique love that lives within them; there's nothing really like it. Because of that special love, it makes me wonder what it was like to have the Savior of the world as your son! Mary knew from the very beginning that her son Jesus was going to be special, and yet she was still a mother with all of the feelings as such...the joys, the sorrows, the worries and I am sure, even a good kind of pride.

I think more than anything though, Mary had love in her heart as a mother. Did she know more than the others following Jesus just what our Lord had to accomplish on that cross? Maybe so. What we know for sure is that her love for Jesus kept her following him, watching him and caring for him until the very end. Interestingly, I think Jesus had a special love for his mother as a son also. He knew that he would not always be able to care for her and in the end on that cross, reminded her of the condition he had to take on to save humankind. He looked at her and said, "Woman, here is your son." He then looked at the disciple he loved so much and said, "Here is your mother." Wow, that's powerful!

I cannot even fathom the emotions that each must have felt, but one thing I know for sure is that a mother's love for her children is never ending and our love for them should be the same; they have given so much to us. May God bless each of you on this Mother's Day as we each show our mothers, grandmothers, and maybe even greats, just how special they are to us in our lives.



Scripture of Reflection: *Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. —John 19:25-27*



CHRISTIAN RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT 13

Bible Studies & Fellowship Opportunities:

- Seattle Base – Breakfast Bible Study & Fellowship
 - Wednesdays, 0645-0745 @ Cutterman Dining Hall
 - For more info, contact Mr. Vic Primeaux, cmfvic@wavecable.com
- Seattle Base – Breakfast Bible Study & Fellowship
 - 2nd Friday of each Month, 0615-0720 @ Coho Room, Cutterman Dining Hall
 - For more info, contact Mr. Larry Simpson, ocfoutrreach@comcast.net
- Seattle D13 / Jackson Federal Bldg – Noontime Bible Study & Fellowship
 - Wednesdays, 1200-1300 @ Rm 3408, Jackson Federal Bldg
 - For more info, contact Mr. Vic Primeaux, cmfvic@wavecable.com
- Everett NavSta (Smokey Point Chapel) – OCF Bible Study and Fellowship
 - 1st Wednesday of each Month, 1100-1200 @ Chapel Library
 - For more info, contact Mr. Larry Simpson, ocfoutrreach@comcast.net
- Bangor (NBK) Chapel – Ladies Bible Study & Fellowship
 - Wednesdays, 1000-1130 @ Bangor Chapel Conference Room
 - For more info, contact Mrs. Bobbie Simpson, ocfoutrreach@comcast.net
- Bremerton/Bangor Officer's Christian Fellowship (OCF)
 - Thursdays, 1800-2000 @ various host houses
 - For more info, contact Mr. Larry Simpson, ocfoutrreach@comcast.net

Special Dates and Upcoming Events:

- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 29: Memorial Day
- June 18: Father's Day

Shall We Pray!



May each of us pray for our mothers in this great nation and around the world, that they may know what an incredible blessing they are in our lives and how their example and teaching impacts our lives so much to become the people we are. Pray that they may have strength, wisdom, courage and the love of Christ live within them, as they love their children and families.

Christian Resource of the Month:

Bible Hub – www.biblehub.com Bible Hub's mission is threefold: 1) Increase the visibility and accessibility of the Scriptures online; 2) Provide free access to Bible study tools in many languages; 3) Promote the Gospel of Christ through the learning, study and application of God's word. Bible hub is a production of the Online Parallel Bible Project. This project is privately owned and supported for the express purpose of sharing Bible study tools online. Most of our work is done by volunteers with an interest in using their technological skills to this end. Please see our [contact](#) page for additional information. The Online Parallel Bible Project began in 2004 as [Bible.cc](#), which provided a parallel, verse by verse view of 8 translations. Soon, many new tools were developed to support the parallel site. These began as separate sites, but our feedback led us to develop a single integrated platform. Thus, in 2007 several sites were integrated to form [Biblos.com](#) and later [BibleHub.com](#).