

It's All About Jesus!

This is my first of many devotional (“Lord willing”) for St. Peter’s “Pastor’s Thoughts.” It seems right to begin with Jesus. The Apostle John in his first epistle expressed amazement at what he had experienced: “*We saw the one who existed from the beginning with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of Life. He is eternal life.*” (1 John 1:1-2)

For three years, John and his fellow disciples were awe struck as they looked at Jesus, touched him, watched him, listened to him and came to understand that Jesus was God in a human body. Jesus spoke truth; his words were life; there was no darkness in him at all; he was God’s “Yes”.

If you were to paint a picture of the history of humanity, the entire canvas would be black symbolizing our sin, rebellion, hatred and evil. But in the middle of the picture would be one blazing, blinding streak of light and that light was Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God.

John states the truth very clearly at the end of his first epistle, “*God has given us eternal life and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; who ever does not have God’s Son does not have life.*” (1 John 5:11-12)

There is no oxygen 220 miles above the earth’s surface, except in the International Space Station. If you want to live there, you must be found in the Space Station. One could say, “Whoever is in the station has life, but whoever is not in the station does not have life.”

Life is found in Christ. Do you have Him? Have you been baptized into Him and do you trust Him? The gift of abundant, eternal life with God is yours today in Christ!

In the bonds of Christ’s love,

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