

Help Us to Love

Devotion for June 2015

Hymn: VU 608 Dear God who loves all Humankind

Scripture: Galatians 3:28

Reflection:

This afternoon I met Gerry for coffee. We do so often, when he is in town. We served together on a government board a few years ago and became friends. Gerry is Catholic, a practising Catholic. We share much the same political views so that makes a good connection. We talk family, work, cottage, but the interesting thing is we can also talk religion. You all know, that is a difficult subject even within the same faith circle. Was Jesus real, did he actually die for us, what is the future of the Catholic Church and is the Pope doing a really good job? What is happening to the UC? The list is endless but we don't condemn the other view, we don't pull out guns, and we wonder together why the world can't do the same? We think of Jesus at the well and then his directive to spread the word to everyone. Too bad not all have read the story or accept that directive.

Discussion: Religion has been the spark for many, if not all, the world wars since the Jews became Jews and Jesus included everyone. Is there anything, any project, any advertising campaign, social media blitz that AOTS could come up with and work on to stop the world wide carnage and spread the word that , to God "We are One"!

Scripture: Roamns 12: 15-18

Hymn: Psalm 14

Prayer: Lord, one who created us all, different, diverse, black, brown, white, yellow and bronze, help us see each as only different on the outside. Make us see we share the same blood, the same capacity for love as well as hate, and see each one as our brother or sister, and not as an adversary or one to destroy. Help us instil love and not hate, in the name of the creator, amen.