

Who am I...

"Who am I? Can I conceal myself forever more, pretend I'm not the man I was before? And must my name until I die be no more than just an alibi? Must I lie? How can I ever face my fellow man? How can I ever face myself again?"

Am I merely one who calls myself a Christian, taking on the title, but not the responsibility? Do I live each day beyond myself, beyond the material things of this world? Do I reach out beyond my own wants for the needs of my fellow man? Do I call myself a Christian, or am I a Christian, because of how I live?

"We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:6

There is no promise of tomorrow, there was never even a promise of today. Why wait for a tomorrow that may never come to be the Christian, the Child of God that you are called to be today! If we live in darkness, it is only because we fail to let the light of God shine in us. We wait in darkness without hope, because we dare not trust in God, Creator of the heavens and earth and all that it contains. Can He not then handle your darkness?

"Words which do not give the light of Christ only increase the darkness."

Mother Teresa

"Whoever says, " I am in the light" while hating a brother or sister is still in the darkness." 1 John 2:9

How do we use the light that has been given to us, The light of Christ we received at baptism? Does it burn brightly in all that we do, or have we tried with all our might to sniff it out by our selfish greed of always wanting more, of only being concerned with my own self. We are so quick to blame others for injustices of this world. Yet what have we done to correct them?

"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Do I live for the "glory" of world...for where is there glory in emptiness and hopelessness? Where is there peace in money or possessions? Where is there peace in violence and anger? The beauty of this world is not found in wealth or stature, in accomplishments or lustful desire. The beauty of this world is found within your soul!

Father,

may my every day be lived for the beauty of Your love.

May my every word speak only of truth.

May my every deed be carried out with humility and concern for all.

*May my soul shine with Your light, dispel all darkness,
giving way to hope and peace for every soul to know*

May this be my prayer today and every moment of every day.

Amen