

Sneak Peak” at the Second Lesson Using *Meditations*

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will...Amen.

(Prayer of the Day for Easter 6)

1 John 3:13-18

13 Do not be surprised, brothers, ^[a] if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have crossed over from death to life, because we love our brothers. The one who does not love^[b] remains in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. 16 This is how we have come to know love: Jesus^[c] laid down his life for us. And we also should lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can God's love remain in him? 18 Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

Footnotes:

- a) 1 John 3:13 When context indicates it, the Greek word for brothers may refer to all fellow believers, male and female.
- b) 1 John 3:14 Some witnesses to the text add his brother.
- c) 1 John 3:16 Literally that one

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THE QUESTION(S) OF THE DAY:

- 1) “The love of God who lives in us, leads to a life of love.” Think about and talk about these two statements:
 - a. “Faith without works is dead.”
 - b. “A “sanctification-only theology” drains you rather than replenishes you.”
- 2) Love of God and obedience to God go hand in hand. Why is the one often hard for us to see, and the other difficult for us to do?
- 3) Look at the prayer of the day: “*Inspire us (put your Spirit in us) to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good...*” What important (and reassuring) truth does this petition offer.

God of grace, you love the unlovable, like me. Help me to do the same. Amen.