



Scripture Nugget – A Love that Records No Wrong and Fully Restores

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Jesus Himself tells us how much God loves us and proves it beyond doubt. Jesus declared: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16).* Jesus teaches His disciples: *No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13).* The deeper the love, the deeper the sacrifice made for the sake of love. God the Father made such a deep, personal sacrifice when He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ borne incarnate into our world in order to offer His Precious Blood on the Cross of Calvary as atonement for all sins past, present and future, once and for all. We can only guess how our Heavenly Father felt when Jesus was crucified on the Cross on Calvary in such pain, humiliation and rejection. He had to turn His face way. Sensing this, Jesus cried out: *"My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" (cf. Matthew 27:46).* St Laurence Justinian in his insight said Christ had endured a level of suffering not given to any other human being. It was like a fiery baptism that Christ, the Author of Grace had endured on our behalf because of our sins. Jesus said: *There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is My anguish until it is accomplished! (Luke 12:5).* The baptism Jesus spoke about is a baptism of pain, suffering and death that God, the Heavenly Father has prepared for Him. It was not easy for Jesus and His human nature resisted against it. The price of our redemption is the Precious Blood of the only begotten Son of God. This is how much God treasures us!

With sincere repentance for our sins, we can stand in the righteousness of Christ before the throne of God, fully justified as if we had never sinned! *Cleanse me with hyssop, that I may be pure; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow (Psalm 51:9).* The 'hyssop' that restores our souls to their original beautiful state of sanctifying grace is the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Through St Faustina (cf. Diary entry #1448), the Lord tells us that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our souls, even if dead through sins, are restored in full sanctifying grace. Scripture tells us: *For our sake He (God the Father) made Him (Christ) to be sin Who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, You are the personification of the living love of our Heavenly Father. Through You, God the Father offers me a love that calls me from my brokenness to a new life of joy and grace, a love that records no wrong once I express my sincere repentance, a paternal love that embraces my heart and restores my true nature made in the image of God, a love that restores my rights and identity as a child of the Most High, an eternal, uplifting, life-giving love that is worth living and dying for. Flood all hearts and minds with Your Spirit of love and ignite the fire of love in all souls. Let Your blazing love heal all my woundedness and hurts, so that I can love You and others around me unconditionally and selflessly as You have loved me. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.