Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 30 "Visible Blessings"

All of our visible blessings are but pale shadows against the blessings God has in store for us. Unlike us, God does not put His best gifts on display in store windows. The best good God has for us cannot be seen or touched.

However, there is one exception. The Cross. The Suffering Christ. To the world, Jesus on the Cross seemed to be a loser. His enemies taunted Him "to save Himself" since He was so involved in saving others. His disciples forsook Him when He needed their prayerful support the most. Everyone who saw His agony on the Cross, felt it was all over. His was now a lost cause.

The truth of the matter is that the Cross of Christ was the greatest, visible blessing (and still is) God has bestowed on humanity. On that Cross, God through Christ was paying the price for all our sins—its penalty, its power and its presence. Jesus paid the price in full, once-and-for-all! Perhaps John 3:16 speaks more eloquently than what I can say or write. Read how God's love is revealed in this verse:

God	The Greatest Lover		
So Loved	The Greatest Degree		
The World	The Greatest Number		
That He Gave	The Greatest Act		
His Only Begotten Son	The Greatest Gift		
That Whoever	The Greatest Invitation		
Believes	The Greatest Simplicity		
In Him	The Greatest Person		
Should Not Perish	The Greatest Deliverance		
But	The Greatest Difference		
Have	The Greatest Certainty		
Everlasting Life	The Greatest Possession		

So, the Cross of Jesus Christ is God's Greatest Visible Blessing! It reveals the <u>width</u> of His love (the world); the <u>length</u> of His love (gave His only Son); the <u>depth</u> of His love (whoever believes in Him will not perish); and the <u>height</u> of His love (everlasting life).

What will you do with this love as we approach Easter? Will you accept it or will you reject it? There is absolutely nothing more God can do for us. The choice is ours today.

Have a blessed week. Pastor Sewdin