



## Midweek Meditation



*"No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known." John 1:18*

*To know God from the Law with His back turned to us is a left-handed knowledge of Him. Therefore, walk around God and behold His true countenance and His real plan. God is seen properly only in Christ. There we learn that all who wish to be saved must confess that they are damnable sinners, and that they must rely on Him who is full of grace and truth. **Martin Luther***

We cannot really know a person until we see that person's face. In these days of the mask, what we may be gaining in one area, we are surely losing in another. The face reveals the true identity of a person, but even more, it shows us either love or anger, joy or sadness, acceptance or rejection. We see the face of God only by looking at the cross of Jesus. There we see God as He wants us to know Him--not as an angry God who rejects us for our sins, but as a God who has love for sinners, who is so full of compassion that He Himself bears the sin of the world and declares all sinners forgiven. God does not hide this merciful face of His from us, but desires that all see Him as the One who is *"full of grace and truth."*

*Dear Father, You reveal Yourself to us in the crucifixion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Keep us always looking at the cross, Your true face, so that we might live our days in joy and peace. Amen.*