

Sunday, December 6, 2015

2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

The second candle lit in the Advent Wreath represents the pure love of God that He shares with us.

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. **2 Corinthians 4:6***

During the Christmas season, I see friends and those around me focused on buying presents, decorating, planning parties and meals to make their season a time of joy. I have challenged myself to share with those I love the true joy of knowing Jesus Christ. This has led me to reflect on the people in my life that served God by sharing "The Good News of Christ" with me.

It started by being raised in a Christian home by a mother who loved the Lord. Of course, I drifted in and out of the world as I was growing up and especially as a young adult. But God does not let us go that easily. He put a co-worker in my life who shared her love of Christ simply by giving me a book, which I left unread on a shelf for at least a year. When I finally read it, I realized how hungry I was to learn more. This then led me to Community Bible Study, to a wonderful church home that preached the Bible and the love of Christ, and to more small Bible studies.

God, in His great wisdom, sent His Son so that we may know who God is and His great love for us. May that be our message this Christmas season to all whom we are called to share this love.

Father, We pray that we will be aware of your Holy Spirit's leading us to those who need to hear the Good News of your Son's birth. In our Savior's love, Amen.

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