

Second Reflection -His Love and Forgiveness in the Midst of Our Sin

John 15:13 states “There is no greater love than this; than to lay one’s life down for a friend.

As human beings in the midst of this secular world, we know that we are bound to mess up, make mistakes, and commit sin. Whether intentional or not, these sins begin to separate us from God and from those who we love and care about. The mistakes we make can be something as small as bragging, or it can be as large as completely turning away from God. Regardless, we all feel a sense of disappointment and shame after doing something we know we shouldn’t have done. In some cases, we feel we messed up so badly that we do not feel worthy enough of other peoples’ forgiveness.

This is where mercy comes in. God loved us so much that he sent his only son, Jesus Christ, down to Earth so that we can one day go to heaven. How astounding it is that Jesus put all of our sins on himself and suffered for us in one of the worst ways: crucifixion. Even as he lay dying on the Cross, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” In excruciating pain, Jesus had nothing but love and forgiveness for us.

We sin every single day, and yet we are still forgiven. We have the solace in knowing that no matter what, God will open his arms out to us, His children. It is because of the forgiveness of God that we get to celebrate Christmas and Easter. It is because of the forgiveness of God that we have hope and salvation after death. And it is because of the forgiveness of God that we can live with peace in our hearts.