

## Month #19

Often, one may find great wisdom in the simple words of a child. On a page at its Internet web site, a church published several letters written to God by children of the congregation. One little boy's letter read, "Dear God, I never thought the colors orange and purple went together until I saw the sunset you made last night."

In what we often term "this crazy, mixed-up world," we so often get caught up in worrying about and trying to understand just how all the differing circumstances in our lives can go together to form a meaningful picture. This year, our raise was small, a large debt is coming due, and the car is worn out. Or last month a family member became ill and required care. The roof needs replacing, and to make ends meet, both of us need to keep working. What are we to do? How can we go on living and giving this way when all the various facets of our lives just don't seem to mesh together smoothly?

In Psalm 119, the psalmist wrote, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." God's Word, which we hold sacred and gladly hear, gives guidance. In faith and trust, with our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, we simply do what we have learned from the Word. We know with the full assurance of our Lord and Savior "that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

In faith, we both learn and do the Word, not knowing or even understanding how everything fits together in our lives. Faith does not see where it is going. It just goes. Faith does not see the why. It just does. Faith does not need great knowledge. It is ready. In faith, the believer hears the Word of God and trustingly follows it where it will lead. In faith, we walk securely.

In our living and our giving, God simply asks us to trust Him and do what we have learned from the Word. He asks us to prayerfully seek His guidance through His Word and never to forget that He will provide all that we need. He gives us the power, the power of the Gospel, so that we glorify Him in all things and serve those around us.

Though we do not see or understand fully, we still live and give in a Christ-like manner. All facets of our lives fit together in Christ to form something even more beautiful than the oranges and purples of a sunset. Christ has made us His new creation so that through our living and our giving, we show His glory and His beauty.