

REFLECTION OF THE SON

As I reflect over the past months I can see many good things that have happened in my life (e.g., birth of first grand-daughter), in our chapter and amongst my CMA family, but I can also see where we've been directly or indirectly affected by life's happenings (e.g., loss of family members/friends, illnesses, tragedies). Such reflection has caused me to pause in prayer, give thanks, give praise, or some combination of these ... depending on who the Holy Spirit brings to my mind. I know the Scripture says, "In everything give thanks ..." (see 1 Thess. 5:18, NASB), but this isn't always so easy to do. Maybe it is for you but I'm not quite there yet.

Speaking of "reflection," I'm reminded of some lyrics to a song, by Chris August:

I'm giving my life to the only one who makes the moon reflect the sun.

Every starry night, that was His design.

I'm giving my life to the only Son, who was and is and yet to come

Let the praises ring, 'cause He is everything ... 'cause He is everything

Although left unmentioned in the lyrics, but it comes to my mind, is the fact that my life should be a reflection of the Son. Reality is, when I look at my reflection, I don't always see or think of those aspects in my life that have pleased Him and are reflecting a life as Christ would have me be. Marina (my Mate) can certainly attest to this but I won't give her liberty to chime in here. Hopefully, as editor of this article, she won't take that liberty. ☺ Back on the subject ... my goal (our goal), as Scripture teaches, is our lives should be lived in such a way that they are being changed from "glory to glory ..." (see 2 Cor. 3:18, NIV) so our image is more like Him – or a "reflection" of Him today – than it was yesterday. That being said, I'm (we're) a Christian, "work in progress" until Christ returns to take us home.

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