

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday July 13, 2026 - Mark 12: 30

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Read Mark 12 for meditation and inspiration.



**“THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT” -- Psalm 118:24**

Don't wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes!!

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

A cemetery in rural Maryland has a headstone bearing the following inscription:

“Here lies an Atheist. All dressed up and no place to go.”

In a practical and useful little book called, “Celebrate the Temporary,” the author, Clyde Reid, writes: “Don't wait until all the problems are solved or all the bills are paid. You will wait forever. Eternity will come and go, and you will still be waiting. Live in the now with all its problems, agonies, joy, and pain. Celebrate your pain,

your despair, your anger. It means you're alive. Look closer, breathe deeper, stand taller. Stop grieving the past. There is joy and beauty today. It is temporary, here now and gone tomorrow, so celebrate it while you can. Celebrate the temporary." Celebrating God's life in the temporary (the present moment) is, of course, true to our Gospel Tradition. And for those who have faith in the Message, what you wear doesn't matter because you have a place reserved in a Kingdom that will never end.

God will have the last word on your life, and I think that is why Paul declared in First Thessalonians 5:18 "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

In the Joy of the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

Roger