

## Combating Evil

The pupils of a Hasidic rabbi approached their spiritual leader with a complaint about the prevalence of evil in the world. Intent upon driving out the forces of darkness, they requested the rabbi to counsel them. The rabbi suggested that they take brooms and attempt to sweep the darkness from a cellar. The bewildered disciples applied themselves to sweeping out darkness, but to no avail. The rabbi then advised his followers to take sticks and to beat vigorously at the darkness to drive out the evil. When this likewise failed, he counseled them to go down again into the cellar and to protest against the darkness by shouting at it. When this, too, failed, he said, "My children, let each of you meet the challenge of darkness by lighting a candle." The disciples descended to the cellar and kindled their lights. They looked, and behold! the darkness had been driven out.

"It is not enough to discover Christ -- you must bring Him to others! The world today is one great mission land, even in countries of long-standing Christian tradition."

Pope John Paul II

"Blessed are the musical," he said. "for theirs shall be a never-ending song."

"Blessed are those who know the difference between their loving and their lusting, for they shall be pure in heart and understand the reason."

"Blessed are those who die for reasons that are real, for they themselves are real."

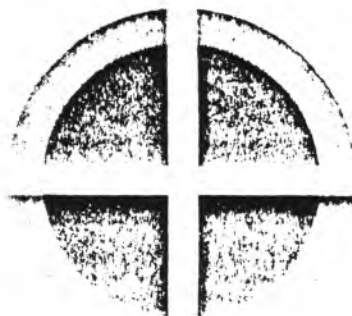
"Blessed are all those who yet can sing when all the theater is empty and the orchestra is gone."

"Blessed is the man who stands before the cruelest king and only fears his God."

"Blessed is the mighty king who sits beside the weakest man and thinks of all their similarities."

The One who says  
he slides by Him  
ought himself to walk  
in the same manner  
So he Walked

John 2:6



## A Sign of Contradiction

A true Christian is a sign of contradiction - a living symbol of the Cross. He or she is a person who believes the unbelievable, bears the unbearable, forgives the unforgivable, loves the unlovable, is perfectly happy not to be perfect, is willing to give up one's will, becomes weak to be strong, sees some good in every bad and finds love by giving it away. A Christian transcends the natural with the immeasurable power of love and becomes a supernatural person.

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