

**Year of Faith**  
**Liturgical Minute No. 33**  
**The Self Revealing Nature of God**

God did not reveal his love in a classroom, but through the interactions of Jesus with the people he encountered in daily life. This should invite us to read the scriptural witness to Christ's life and death with prayerful attention.

God does not want us to construct a false god in our hearts, not to conceive of God other than he really is. The scriptural witness, by revealing God's intimate self and the great mysteries of his love and grace, enable us to see things from his point of view, as he sees himself.

The goal of our scriptural reading is not to satisfy curiosity, or experience a good story, but to grasp the depths of God's redeeming love as this love is revealed in every detail of Jesus' words, his actions, and his sufferings.

The heart of our redemption is God's love, and the goal of faith is to understand such great and undeserved love more and more fully. Faith seeks to know better the love of the One who loved us first, until faith is replaced in heaven, when we shall see God face-to-face.

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