

Thoughts on the Daily Word

*Christmas Season. Saturday 4th January. Readings: 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm: 97;
Gospel: John 1:35-42.*

Today's readings kick off with a warning about sin. This is not just about being good, important as that is. Sin is that which divides, breaks apart and destroys. John immediately points out the opposite of sin, which is loving one's brother. This is what being a child of God means. The Gospel today spells that out in the relationship that is formed between Jesus and those who will become his disciples. A bond of unity is formed that will eventually lead to the total self-giving of each other. Jesus will pour out his life for them and us and in so doing make it possible for us to discover that we are all children of the Father and his brothers and sisters. This week is about discipleship and exploring that relationship.