

Daily Devotion For October 12, 2021

“For by grace you have been saved by faith and not of yourselves, it is a gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

I have several calendars, and they all listed yesterday as “Columbus Day.” It is a less celebrated American holiday that commemorates Christopher Columbus’s voyage to “**discover**” the America’s in 1492.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt designated it a National Holiday in 1937, although some Americans have been observing the anniversary of the journey since colonial times. The date of the holiday was changed in 1971 to the second Monday in October. Virtually no businesses close for the holiday, except for banks and the postal service. Few festivities are held for the day. Some states have opted not to observe the holiday at all. Alaska, Hawaii and South Dakota do not recognize Columbus Day. Seattle renamed it Indigenous People Day to honor Native Americans. South Dakota celebrates Native American Day, and **Hawaii** has chosen to celebrate it as **Discoverers’ Day** as a tribute to the Polynesians who **discovered** the islands.

Whether you choose to celebrate Columbus Day, Indigenous People’s Day or Discover’s Day is a personal choice. I recently heard of people who recognize this day as a day to celebrate their Spiritual birthday. They ask, “why do we celebrate our physical birth dates but not our spiritual birth dates? Both are important and life-changing.

Over the years I have met many people who can’t remember the exact date that they **discovered** God’s love accepted Christ into their heart. For me that day was October 14, 1975.

**Thought For Today:** If you can’t remember the day you discovered God’s love, Take time today to celebrate your spiritual birth. The greatest gift has already been given. God gave His Son, Jesus Christ. Through His redemption and love, our lives have been forever changed. Our names have been written in His book. Although our address remains the same, our home is now firmly secured in heaven. Today, celebrate what God has done in your life.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God for the gift of his son Jesus Christ and what He has done for you. Continue to add the prayer fuel to your daily devotions. Deo Volente.