

Thought for the day - Thursday 20th May 2021

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Pentecost - “Overflowing of the Holy Spirit”

Next Sunday May 23 will be our Pentecost Sunday, are you prepared to receive your share of the Holy Spirit? Pentecost was not a once only event but an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to believers.

One of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit is that we can see the Old Testament with new eyes and understand the prophecies of Ezekiel and Jeremiah as pointing to the new Covenant. God’s law is no longer written on tablets but in our hearts. A new heart, I will give you, and a new spirit says Ezeckiel.

The new capacity to love involves a change of heart, are you ready for a change of heart, which is a miracle, “the miracle of Pentecost.” The Holy Spirit has written a new law in our hearts by pouring his love into us. Romans 5: 5 reminds us that “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has given them to us.” The Holy Spirit is also like a river, so deep and fast flowing that the spirit flows into our lives. So, our prayer should be “Come, Holy Spirit, kindle in my heart the fire of your love, for I am your temple. This is my dignity, my pledge, and my fate of eternal life. Through the grace of baptism and the sacraments of the church we have become partakers of God’s kingdom. As in 2 Peter 1: 4. God has poured his spirit on us and has given us his heavenly blessings. So let us pray that we will receive a fresh, outpouring and overflowing of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bible passage: (Romans 5: 1 – 5)

Prayer: Lord the gospel has the power to put life where there is death, hope where there is despair and love where is hate. May your name be forever praised and glorified through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.