

Thought for the day - Friday 27th May 2022

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Witness.

How do we become true Witnesses for Christ?

In this period of Ascension, we must redouble our efforts to become a Spirit-filled Witness to Christ. To be a witness you must know what you are talking about, for example you must know what you have seen or heard.

Most of us have been baptised and have been to Church several times and are active members of our parish Church. However, the Good News is not a philosophy, a political manifesto let alone a way of life. Good News is first and foremost a relationship with God our Heavenly Father in Christ Jesus. This is why we want to share and give away our faith. This is Good News, after all to which we are witness. The Holy Spirit creates within us a new understanding and appreciation of the beauty of our faith in Christ Jesus.

To be a Spirit - filled witness to Christ the Scriptures need to be warm in our hearts. As Jesus warmed the hearts of his disciples on the road to Emmaus with Scriptures (Luke 24:27). When the disciples later realised that it was the Lord their hearts burned within them, when Christ opened the Scriptures to them. The work of the Holy Spirit brings the Scriptures alive. This creates in us a hunger to pray and study the scriptures more. This is what we should do more in this period of Ascension and leading to Pentecost.

Amen.

Bible passage John 16: 5 - 15.

Prayer: Lord Jesus I pray that as you have given us the gift of your Spirit, renew and strengthen our faith. We cannot do this by ourselves, but by the Grace of your Spirit we can do all things. Amen.