

Thought for the day – Tuesday 12th April 2022

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CONVERSION.

There is Joy of Conversion according to the story of The Prodigal Son. Joy is a gift of the Holy Spirit (Galatians (5. 22) We know that this is Heavenly because heaven rejoices when just over one sinner repents or converts as in (Luke 15. 7). It is known that the joy of conversion is truly a divine and heavenly joy to believers.

Jesus attracted people like the tax collectors, prostitutes and were drawn by his acceptance of them. This made them open to what Jesus's teaching was all about, unlike the Pharisees who were scandalized by the company he kept. Jesus seized the opportunity to teach about his Heavenly Father.

Jesus' parable brings us right into the heart of his Father. God has given each of us the free will either to follow or reject him. My question to you is where do you stand? This carries with it the responsibility as we are accountable for our actions. As in that of the prodigal son when he left the safety of his father's house and became slaves of his passion and drives. So, the image of the chastened son returning home is extremely moving. So, sisters and brothers as we journey through this Lent, we too can experience the warm embrace of our Father in heaven.

Bible passage: Luke 15. 1 – 3, 11 – 32.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, lift me up from the miry pit of negative and destructive thinking and feeling. Set me on the rock of your word, that I may remain in the joy of your conversion.