

St James News: Thought for the day – Thursday 25th June 2020

Have you tried sharing your faith? – by Revd John Marshall

Paul writes in Romans

“As the scripture says “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? “As it is written “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” Romans 10.11-15

Maybe William Blake wrote this about preachers.

Unless the eye catch fire

The God will not be seen

Unless the ear catch fire

The God will not be heard

Unless the tongue catch fire

The God will not be named

Unless the heart catch fire

The God will not be loved

Unless the mind catch fire

The God will not be known.

At St James we want to know Christ and make him known. It is our privilege to share the love of Christ.

There are many ways that this is done, and many examples in St James.

Can you remember who preached to St Paul?

Song: [Grace Alive by Noel Robinson](#)

[Verse 1]

I'm living by the grace that You give

I'm living by the blessings that You bring

Every favour poured out on my life
It's Your grace alive

[Verse 2]

I'm living by the mercy that You give
Renewed in every day, Lord, that I live
In every breath and moment that I breathe
It's Your grace alive

[Pre-Chorus]

I shall not die but declare and live
This praise, Lord, I will bring
I shall not die but live
Take this life an offering

[Chorus]

Your grace covers me
Mercy for all to see
I'm alive, living in a brand new way
Every day, every day
Your grace covers me
Mercy for all to see
I'm alive, living in a brand new way
Every day, every day

[Bridge]

I know if it wasn't for Your grace
If Your mercy wasn't poured out now
I would be a sinner that was lost
So glad You paid the cost
Let grace abound
I know if it wasn't for Your grace
If Your mercy wasn't poured out now
I would be a sinner that was lost
So glad You paid the cost
Let grace abound
I know if it wasn't for Your grace

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So glad You paid the cost
Let grace abound

[Chorus]

Your grace covers me (It covers me, yeah)
Mercy for all to see (For all to see, yeah)
I'm alive, living in a brand new way (Living in a brand new way)
Every day (Every day, yeah)
Your grace covers me (It covers me, yeah)
Mercy for all to see (Your mercy for all to see, yeah)
I'm alive, living in a brand new way (I'm alive, I'm living in a brand new way)
Every day, every day
Your grace covers me (Your grace, it covers me, yeah)
Mercy for all to see (Your mercy)
I'm alive, living in a brand new way
Every day, every day

Prayer:

Blessed be God, who has promised humanity the gift of divinity, mortals the hope of eternal life and sinners the glory of resurrection.