

## Thought for the day – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Life by the Spirit. - Revd John Ohen

Love, Faith, Joy are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and the greatest is Love.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is a term used to sum up nine attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit as in Gal. 5. The other attributes include things like peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal 5: 22 – 26).

Our world is in a great need for good news of Jesus and his power to heal our souls and bodies. In most parts of the world Faith is seen as unfashionable or not necessary. There are wars, great poverty not to talk about oppression.

Sometimes we find these over-powering. We should not despair, because we have not been abandoned by our Creator.

Jesus is prepared to carry out the work he did over 2000 years ago during his ministry here on earth. Our Lord wants us to come to him for healing, so that we may know that we are loved unconditionally, and our sins are forgiven. All those who sat in darkness have seen the great light as in (Isaiah 9 :2; Matthew 4: v. 6).

We would like to be “delivered” from this lockdown. We would like the vaccines to come quickly and to work. We need to be strong and be bold in our faith and love for one another.

We do not have to go into a waiting room for our sins to be forgiven!

“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). And as the Apostle Paul says: “Now is the day of salvation.” Now we need to hold on to the fruits of the spirit. Love, joy, and faith.

Bible Reading: Galatians 5.