

**Devotional Thoughts :: Devotional thoughts for Pentecost****Devotional thoughts for Pentecost - posted by rahikumar, on: 2011/7/23 1:30**

Reading: From the Gospel according to St. John 15:1-14

Dear and Respected Brethren,

As far as the children of Abraham, the Father of all the faithful, Pentecost was a feast, on the fiftieth day after the feast of Pass over. On such a feast day of Pentecost only, the early Christians, including the Apostles as well as Mother of God and other few, were strengthened by God to continue the mission of the Savior of the mankind and the universe. The Apostles and others along with the blessed virgin Mother of God had waited for the Holy Spirit with one accord, as per the instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ prior to His blessed Ascension to Heaven. This is what we are learning in the first and second chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Though all Christians have accepted the Holy Spirit through the Baptism and Holy Mooron, our life in the world necessitates us to renew the Holy Spirit in us and to keep it strong and full. Until recent years our faithful were eager to renew the status of the Holy Spirit in them. But somehow or the other, we are not so serious about the growth of the Holy Spirit in us. It seems that our faith and observation of the traditions and rituals are not at all serious. We all deal with them in a very cold mood. We must have a self-revival and eagerness to follow the footsteps of our ancestors and forefathers.

Kindly realize the uniqueness and very sweetness of the language used by our Lord and Savior, while He is explaining about the relation between Him and us. When we hear "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener" we might feel it as so simple, but in fact how deep are they and their inner meanings? If we could see a healthy vine plant with lots of leaves and fruits in our minds, we could realize a lot. The gardener would desire plenty of fruits on all branches of the plant. In the 2nd verse it is mentioned that what would happen to the branch that might not bear fruits. We should not forget the truth that the faithful cannot do anything until and unless they might stay in our Lord and Savior, like a branch cannot bear fruits unless its connection with the main stem is strong and solid.

Let us see what Lord Jesus, is offering us in verse 8, who only guaranteed that we could bear more fruits while staying in God the Father. "Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples." We all must bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit, then only God the Father's name will be glorified and we all would be accepted as our Lord's disciples. Kindly read a similar exhortation in St. Matthew 5:16. and Philippians 1:11. Now let us make sure about the number of fruits we have utilized for the glory of God. Remember that all these fruits and many others were granted to us free of cost. If our score is a big zero, we must pray with a mind of repentance "Merciful God, kindly make use of us for your glory". We must humble ourselves and dedicate ourselves for His disposal. Let us try to understand the deep meaning of the 9th verse. Let us try to grasp the deep meaning of those words. Kindly separate a few seconds to determine the love we enjoy from our Lord God. Let us try to maintain a proper record of the love we enjoy from Lord God. Can we forget the searching, caring and sharing love of our Savior? He wants us to exchange the same style of love to our fellowmen. Our habitual nature is to say OK

for all sorts of exhortations and to forget/ignore them totally later. Aren't we? So let us take a decision slowly but wisely. Let us try to be grateful to God for all sorts of blessings and graces we do enjoy in every second. Let us take a decision to be good conductors of God's love, as the electric wires do their assignments. Let us also receive more and more love from God and share them among the needy fellowmen.

In the 10th verse our Lord teaches us the way to remain in His love. It is a very light and simple thing to obey our Lord's commandments. What is our Lord's commandment? It is to love God and our own fellowmen without reserves. Our Lord explains about it in the 11th and 12th verses.

Our Lord says that this is the right means to enjoy the complete joy in our lives. Let us decide to which matter we are giving priority: to God Almighty or something else. Let the Holy Spirit of God guide us in everyday lives. God bless us all

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