

TRINITY NEWS

Pentecost X Luminous Words For a Luminous Life Colossians 1:9-14

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

These are some of the most beautiful words ever written about the Christian Faith and our connection with God as it is lived out in daily life. Tomorrow the Church celebrates the Transfiguration of Christ on a mountain top in Galilee. It is a vision of a transfigured life that looks forward to the rest of the journey, unafraid and expectant. **Unceasing prayer** does not mean praying consciously all the time, but being conscious all the time of the "host of witnesses" from our past and our present who help us to shape our lives. They are the proper subjects of our prayers. They point to the Christ and to the best of our intentions, hopes and dreams. The Spirit guides us to each one, so that they can look into our eyes and speak words of wisdom. It may be in a memory recall of wise counsel in the past, suddenly applicable to our current situation. It may be words or deeds that have affected us in the last 24 hours and refreshed our souls. Thus may **we be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as we bear fruit in every good work and as we grow in the knowledge of God.** "Knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding", worthy lives that please God and "**bear fruit in every good work** as we grow into **the knowledge of God**, now that's a

wonderful vision of a luminous life! And so the text continues, ending with words that are meant to stand out about our salvation and the forgiveness of sins. This is a beautifully crafted summary of the Christian Faith. We come to Church to have our souls refreshed, not to make statements about this or that, particularly about others. We can all be redeemed, and thrust out of darkness into the light of the Son God. He was luminous on the mountain as the model of a luminous life. The text today speaks of inner beauty and the way to seek and model the Divine Presence in human life. **We sometime become so comfortable with the shape of our lives that we may miss the glowing sign that signals the need for change.**

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THIS WEEK:

August 7, Tuesday.
Bible Study, 10am

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:37-51